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Leonore Jenkins Johnson sent this message: "My husband, **Art Johnson**, and I would be very much interested in knowing news of others in the class who are still alive, as we know only that our good friends from the class are all deceased. We are now residents in a senior community, the Homestead in St. Albans, Vt. We moved here 18 months ago to be near our daughter, who lives in Vermont. We both entered Middlebury College as freshmen in 1940 but Art's studies were interrupted by four years of service in the military in World War II. After that service he returned to Middlebury to finish his undergraduate degree, which happened in 1949, but those veterans were allowed to choose their year of graduation either as '44 or '49. He chose '44 so we would claim the same year. We would appreciate hearing from other classmates."

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REUNION CLASS In case any classmates had not heard, Middlebury College has revoked an honorary degree it had awarded to Rudy Giuliani, former NYC mayor, in 2005. In a Facebook post, Middlebury President Laurie Patton said, "In light of the role that presidential attorney Rudolph Giuliani played in fomenting the violent uprising against our nation's Capitol building on January 6, 2021—an insurrection against democracy itself—Middlebury's leadership has initiated the process." • Now back to the class news: In a phone conversation with **Jane Strayer Hess**, she told me she had had both knees replaced in 2008. In spite of arthritis and macular degeneration, she is doing quite well. She lives with a daughter, her son-in-law, and two grandchildren in her own house in Pennsylvania. Being far from neighbors, she doesn't have to worry about COVID. She and her husband spent 20 years traveling extensively when he was in the U.S. Navy. She regrets that most of her friends are all gone now. She doesn't like the changes that have been made to the *Middlebury Magazine*, but she always reads the class notes. • **Betsy "Barc" Barclay Wales** is still living at Village Crossing residence in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. She tells me that everything is slower. She's still locked up in her room where meals are delivered and is not able to have meals in the dining room with one other person. She said she can still wander around the building in a mask, being careful, but that's not much fun. She's been doing a lot of word puzzles, scrambled word hunts, etc. She's grateful for television, although it's pretty boring. Her son, Peter, who is battling cancer, has two quite new grandchildren, one in Colorado and one nearby (good entertainment for him, she said), so Betsy is a great-grandmother. Her daughter Sally is in Burlington, Vt., and Joanie is hoping to retire from teaching art soon. Em is still working at a hospital in Rhode Island. • Last year **Barbara "Flinkie" Flink Ewels** left her residence at RiverMead in Peterborough, N.H., and moved in with her daughter Caroline. Caroline's house is near Flinkie's former house on Highland Lake in Stoddard, N.H. She relocated because of concerns about being locked down due to the coronavirus. However, she returned to RiverMead in February to get the vaccination and decided to remain. • **Marian Fisher Ales** has lived in the same home in Douglaston, N.Y., since she was married 64 years ago. She is legally blind but says she's very lucky: "Not hungry, not sick, no virus—knock on wood." (I heard a visiting friend in the background who was helping her get her lunch say, "But at least you have all your wits about you.") Clearly, she does! Marian and I were classmates at Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y., so we've known each other for more than 85 years. • We send condolences to the family of **Mary Stuart Nixon** of Mattituck, Long Island, N.Y., formerly of Port Washington, who died on September 29, 2020. She was the wife of the late Wilmer Nixon and the mother of Stuart Nixon and Mary Anne Coer. Mary had four grandchildren, Geoffrey, Charlotte, Katie and Caroline. Although funeral services were private, friends were asked to perform an act of kindness to honor and celebrate her life of generosity, humor, and grace. • In response to my request for news from **Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom**, she sent me a poem called "Not Really Forgotten" from her book *Surf on the Rocks and Other Selected Poems*, copyright 2020. Here it is: "I sent my love a forget-me-not / Tiny, crisp and fragile. / It actually reminded him / Of days when we were agile. / He, who has scant memory, / Calls briefly to relate / That he has now remembered us / Dancing cheek to cheek!" She mentioned that this poem was written about a friend who used to hitchhike to Middlebury from RPI to take her out on a double date with another friend, and they would dance cheek to cheek. "We both got married to different people and both lost our spouses." In 2015 she found the obituary of her friend's wife and sent him a condolence card. When her husband died a couple years later, he sent a condolence card to her. They have renewed their friendship over the last five years.
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My niece suggested that it's time I catch up with modern life and use the computer to connect with classmates. To make sure that I do, she offered to do it for me. And the results were very good. • **Margaret "Peg" Armstrong Igleheart** wrote that she really has nothing to report and said that living in a retirement community is hardly newsworthy. The residents are pretty much restricted to their apartments, wear masks at all times, and eat alone. As activities are at a standstill during the coronavirus, there is a lot of time to read and practice the piano. Peg spent last Christmas with her son's in-laws in Edinburgh, Scotland, and found it nostalgic, worshipping in a church attended by her ancestors. The most exciting news in her family was the birth of two great-grandsons, two months apart. Though both live in Connecticut, "this nasty virus has kept us apart." • **Ernestine "Steeny" Rolls Pepin** sends greetings from the "Northeast Kingdom of Vermont." She does not have any fascinating or new news. They are, like all of us, trying to keep up with the pandemic. The good news is that the numbers in Vermont are very low compared to the rest of the country. Steeny really wonders what kind of life Midd students are having. She's certain that it is a lot different from what we had. • **Barbara "Bobbie" Bates Lauterwasser** wrote that she had no real news other than they are well taken care of in their Taylor community. Although their dining room is closed, they simply have to call the kitchen early in the day and order dinner to be delivered. For Thanksgiving, early orders provided a scrumptious Thanksgiving dinner with a lot of leftovers. She and her neighbor enjoyed visiting while enjoying the meal. Bobbie's Massachusetts family did not come, as crossing into New Hampshire would require a 10-day quarantine afterwards. The Taylor staff picks up their shopping list on a specified day and delivers their ordered groceries. On December 3, they had a Christmas tree lighting followed by cookies and cocoa outdoors so all could enjoy some safe fellowship time. Other than missing her family's visits, she can walk wearing her mask and visit friendly people along the way. Last summer was a time for family visits at the lake, and lots of love. Bobbie is thankful she has good eyesight and

can read a lot. She is also very thankful as they have a great library. • **Phil Briggs** wrote that he has nothing to report. They have stayed close to home, stopped traveling, are avoiding crowds, and are pretty bored. The saving grace is that golf is safe and so they have played quite a lot and are grateful for it. They miss seeing family and friends and hoped to get early vaccines. • **Virginia "Ginny" Lee Costello** wrote that she is doing as well with the pandemic as can be expected. She said, "I try and the day passes." She uses Zoom, does gentle yoga, takes walks, and attends virtual gatherings on her computer. There is no end to the Zooming that she could watch, so she needs to control how much she signs up for. She finds reading the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* another time stealer as well as trying to keep up with politics and the pandemic. She tries to get out early every day for a little exercise and fun. Walking with a cane is a problem, but she doesn't have to go far before she can sit down, and Boston Harbor is just a block away and the Greenway right outside her window. She finds wearing a mask difficult, as her face is small and she would like to find some that fit better. Her biggest comfort is her five daughters who stay close even though far away. They gave her an iPad and she has an hour's FaceTime with each one every week. Two of them live about two hours away and have driven to Boston to pick her up and take her home with them. Her California daughter and Bethesda daughter visit her in the fall. For her 95th birthday, two daughters were with her. She considers herself to be a very fortunate woman. • **Virginia "Jinny" Stowell James** was able to spend time this past summer in her home in Maine with her daughter and son-in-law. For the last two years she has lived with them in Port Orange, Fla. Since they are retired, they can go north in the summer and south in the winter together. She has been widowed since 2014 and has only one child, so it is good to be together. All has been well despite the inconveniences and stresses of 2020. • When **Betsy Hornaday Fry** wrote, she said in their community, better known as a nursing home, they were in line for the vaccine. She said she "doesn't have the coronavirus, she is just old." This is a comment that probably applies to many of us. She had just learned from **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** that her former pastor, Barry Shepherd, is now her neighbor. • You may have noticed a lot of similarities in this report, but we are all facing similar circumstances while living in the same uncertain times. • I received notice that three more of our '47ers have exited this world: **Betty Virtue Mozes** on September 23, **Rae Robinson** on October 10, and **Robert Sambone** on November 23. I do not have any further details. Obituaries for Betty and Rae appear at the end of the notes and Robert's will be in a future issue.

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I hope everyone is enjoying spring. Please send me news about what you are doing.

—Class Correspondent: Adele Stemmler Taylor (adelesilverfox@gmail.com), 471 Washington Rd., Woodbury, CT 06798.

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We would love to hear how you are doing! Hopefully you are enjoying spring and are healthy.

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REUNION CLASS **Steve Terry** wrote that after losing his wife and younger son, his son Brad and wife Chylon invited him to move in with them in New Mexico. We remember Brad as he accompanied Steve to our Reunion. I remember he was a lot of fun and very thoughtful of us older ladies, helping us up the hill to chapel. Steve's doctor warned him to be careful about falling and to keep active by walking, etc. Brad measured his pool and figured that 40 laps equaled a mile, so Steve walks 40 laps a day and he has lost 50 pounds. He says Brad and Chylon have helped him physically and mentally and he feels 52 not 92! • **Roly Coates** reports that he is obeying all the rules about sanitizing, distancing, etc., and is dealing with boredom by playing games, and going to the dump on Saturdays! Roly wrote a poem about Reunion, which was in the last summer edition of class notes. If you missed it, I can send it by email so just let me know. • **Joan Macklaier Birkett** had eye surgery recently and was happy her son could accompany her. She was also happy to have her daughter and husband with her, also giving her lots of help. Joan spends lots of time writing poetry and memoirs. Part of her poem "Germ Warfare" follows: "Cities locked down / Quotes news. Germ / Warfare covers our Planet / In invisible bouncing death / To snuggle down in lungs / Singing songs from Angels of Hell / Fear flows through when / People pass by throwing / Out drops of invisible sneeze. / Hold your breath inside your / Mask with breathing on wait / List to remove mask outside. / Hair salons in darkness as / Strands of hair frizz stand up / For crows to use for nests. / Will this virus end soon? / Make wishes for COVID to move / Deep into mountain caves. / Meet all moments, no fear! / Stand strong with dignity, / Fight back for freedom. / Is there more ahead?" • I'm sad to report that **Barbara Pike Prinn** died on October 9, 2020, and **Edward Higgins** died on October 31, 2020. Our condolences go to their families and friends. • Well, these are definitely not the best of times, but we do hope for better days ahead. Maybe by the time these messages appear, we will be living "normally"? I would love to hear from more classmates. Would somebody like to take over being class correspondent? Stay well.

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As winter finally receded, I got in touch with the ever-effervescent **Sally Baldwin Utiger** for no other reason than an impulse. Good thing. She is currently scheduled for an aortic valve replacement. The procedure is a newer one, and less invasive than open-heart work—a trans aortic valve replacement, using a remote method. She had been noticing shorter and shorter breath and so chased down the cause and qualified for the surgery, which was scheduled for April. Send her good vibes and happy thoughts. • By the time Sally is home again, our other class agent, **Shirley Herrman Andrews** will be back East having taken herself to Arizona, where she and her late husband, Bill, had wintered for many years. Together, the class agent duo is already busy with a fundraising program to build donations to our Class of 1952 Scholarship Fund. In honor of both, why not make a specific gift this year—it supports an individual in the name of our class. All best, **BV**.

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Correspondent **Julie Howard Parker** reports: By now all of us should have had our first and perhaps second doses of the COVID vaccine. There are compensations for being 88 or 89! **Peter Parker** had fatigue and chills for a day, then nothing. He will turn 90 before many of us because he repeated second grade. That was before dyslexia was a known obstacle. He went on to major in philosophy, then buy and run his own company, sell it, and become involved in stewardship forestry. He was named Vermont Tree Farmer of the Year in 2018. He loves our six months in Vermont and returns to California each fall because our daughters and most of our grandchildren live here. • **Tom Ryan** and I have had quite a conversation recently about the Comanches, who were fierce and legendary horse riders dominating life in Texas when the first settlers arrived. Asking Tom if he had read *Empire of the Summer Moon* (about the Comanche nation), I was pleased to hear not only that he knew the book well but that a gravestone for an unfortunate Howard settler done in by warrior parties

was not far from where he lives. That makes me doubly interested in early Texas settler history, because the book features a different massacre of a Parker family, leaving a daughter who chose to marry a Comanche warrior and refused to return to "civilization." • **Lois Wanstall Kaufmann** reports her senior residence in Middlebury has been wonderful, free of COVID, and everyone is obeying the strict rules, sitting one person to a table at dinner. Lois says the Middlebury campus has been strange looking, with temporary white tents for outdoor gatherings obliterating the quadrangle below Mead Chapel. • **Anne Tiffany** is alive and well and I have fun reaching out to her, my sophomore roommate whom I loved, even though she got into the choir and I did not. She introduced me to Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto, which is my favorite of all classical music. • **Barbara Slate Abbott**, who mastered two languages in her career and earned "Phi Bet" status (!), writes that she used her Russian major for some scientific translation while her husband Jack was in grad school. But it was French that became a lifelong passion, leading to her teaching ESL, which she loved. She and Jack have visited France many times, even visiting "Bini" of Château fame there twice. They loved travel, visiting 55 countries until mobility became a problem. They are now settled again in Rochester, N.Y., having returned from Florida years ago to be near their daughter who had terminal cancer. Their three sons and five of their seven grandchildren live nearby. I'm sure all of us feel great compassion for those classmates who have lost precious children and have found loving compensation in the surviving siblings and next generation. Barbara has lost touch with **Anne Davis Carnahan**, and wonders if any of you know of her status. We have no address, email, or current phone number. • **Mimi Thompson Adams** writes from Exeter, N.H., that life has been fulfilling for 16 years at RiverWoods. She and Tom, retired pediatrician, have a spacious cottage with a little garden and plenty of room for grandchildren. Despite minor medical problems, both function well. Mimi had a bookstore for 35 years, so the perfect activity for her is the campus library she helped start, with 5,000 books and tapes for the 150 residents. Tom teaches pottery and advises the Garden and Grounds Committee. Now vaccinated, they can play bridge again with friends. COVID hasn't been too hard on them as RiverWoods has delivered a meal a day on their doorstep as well as shoveling the snow! Mimi and Tom also had the sadness of losing their youngest daughter to colon cancer two years ago. They, like the Abbotts, also have three other children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They see the families often. • We have lost four of our dear classmates. **Beatrice Brumder Gallagher** died January 8. Beatrice did not graduate with us but transferred to a school in Wisconsin. Does anyone have memories of Beatrice? **Nancy Stevens Fuller** died on December 29 in Dorset, Vt. I have fond memories of "Stevie," who retired with husband **Warren** to Vermont. As she wrote in our 50th Reunion book, "We went to camp in Vermont, to college in Vermont, vacationed in Vermont, and expect to be buried in Vermont." Stevie was great fun and highly competitive, a super tennis player and probably good at golf as well. She was predeceased by Warren in 2017. Also, **Carey Smith** died on September 26 and **Allison "Skip" Phinney** died on January 1. If anyone has memories they would like to share, please send them to us. • News from every one of our Class of 1954 members grows more precious as each year passes. Tom and I would love to hear from EVERY ONE of you!

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Priscilla Smart Weck sent good news: "I got my COVID vaccine today. My second in two weeks. And then if I wear a mask I can actually go to a store! How exciting can life get!" • **Kit Smith O'Meara** writes, "Seven years ago Tom and I moved into Alexian Village, a senior living community in Milwaukee. Although we knew early on that it was a good decision for us in enabling carefree continuation of travel and many other activities, we truly appreciate living here through the coronavirus horror. This place has kept us safe, protected, and still in contact with other caring human beings. Beyond that major accomplishment, the entire staff has worked to keep us happy and entertained with thoughtful surprises. We have learned to visit virtually with family and friends, even making connections that had gone neglected. But, oh yes, we long to resume seeing them in person, traveling, and living life in the larger world!" • **Dave McKissock** reports, "Diana (Parish) '56 and I enjoyed a quiet Christmas and New Year's with our son Chris—we decided that having our Baltimore group was not a good idea with all the restrictions between states and local as well. I had to have a valve replacement last February, which went okay, but along with a-fib has caused some changes in my life—no paddle or tennis but did play some golf last year. All of which led to no fun. I even had to stay away from Monmouth Race track all year which added to boredom. I hope this year will have some positives! Anyway, our family has kept its health so far against the virus and I'm hoping for some help on that score soon." • **Stu Bacon** says, "Since I was spending most of my time at home due to COVID, it got me going on a new photographic project. For years I made slideshows of places that I'd visited as well as unusual events. Then I set the pictures to music. Jourdy and I would present the shows to various organizations: senior citizens, photography clubs, church groups, etc. It was a lot of equipment to lug around so we had to stop. Now I'm reviewing the shows and making a book from the slides. So far I have made two, the Palouse farming country in eastern Washington, and one on three different subjects: hang-glider flying, kite-flying festivals, and hot air balloons. I'm also working on a third book, which is Yosemite Park with fall colors. I have a few copies printed of each book to give to family and friends." • **Ev MacAskill** is glad he can still read the class notes. He adds, "I think it was Arnie Palmer who said, 'Better to be looking down on the grass than up at it.' A good sentiment after this past year." • **Janet Goodwin Carrick** writes, "So here on January 1, 2021, I am alive, viable, if not without issues. I live independently in my own small home, thanks to a great support group. I'm happy to have safely been cruising with my family in the Bahamas last March. We left on the 11th, a day of infamy, but we didn't know that. Last July I had the great honor of being mother of the groom—imagine, an 86-year-old mother, not grandma. His remarriage on a beautiful day on a friend's ranch in Oregon was a boost to all who attended. Last August I spent some time at my daughter's cottage in Maine on the mouth of the Damariscotta River. So now, if the vaccinations are on schedule, after February 24 I will be off to California to see family." • **Nancy Crowl Yonker**, who was only at Middlebury for two years, says she doesn't keep up connections with classmates except for her sophomore-year roommate. • **Janet Vallance Frankmann** and her family have been fortunate enough to be summer "regulars" at the Argyll Hotel on Iona, an island in the Inner Hebrides, Scotland. "We had to cancel last year but are hopeful to make it again this June. Fingers crossed! Thanks for taking over the ladies' news, John—I certainly appreciate it!" • **John von Hartz** writes, "It is my sad duty to send you the obit of my beloved wife, **Kathy** (**Hughes**). I never thought I'd outlive her; she was such a vital force. She had survived chemo, radiation, and an operation to rid herself of cancer of the esophagus. But then she was attacked by MSA (multiple systems atrophy) in which her body and mind began to betray her. She struggled to overcome this affliction but could feel herself slipping into an untenable state. She elected to stop eating and drinking and was gone 12 days later. She was brave and strong while showing the world how to determine your own fate." In part, her obituary says she got the most out of life. A European history major, she became a devoted traveler, visiting 89 countries, including North Korea and Iran. She hitchhiked all over Europe, then Africa, from Cairo to Cape Town and back. She was a renovator of buildings in New York City's East Village, world-class bargain hunter, knitter of baby sweaters that she gave out freely, bungee jumper, and risk taker. An avid birder, she roamed New York's Central Park. She bicycled all over the city before bike lanes existed. She was an activist, pacifist and community organizer. • **Scotty MacGregor Gillette** reports, "Peter and I are very happy living in a senior building in downtown Minneapolis overlooking

the Mississippi River." They were hoping to spend time in both Arizona and Florida this past winter as they normally do but it depended on the virus and vaccine. • **Bruce** and **Sue Heyer Byers** say they have become more aware of the beauty of their surroundings in Vermont, both built and natural. "Our only nonlocal diversions last year were a Florida trip just before COVID blew up when we caught up with **Junie Stringer DeCoster**, **Pat Hinman Makin**, **Judd Zecher Colton**, and **Patsy Blake Stimson**, and our usual month on Long Beach Island, N.J. At the shore, it was easy to distance-visit on our wide beach or outside our neighbors' houses. At home we depend on getting outside to play paddle tennis and (Sue) to cross-country ski on the golf course or at Bread Loaf." Bruce faithfully delivers Meals on Wheels and Zoom-meets with the board of a local home (in our time, the Chi Psi house) for truly needy folks. Sue tries to stay in touch with kids in her guardian ad litem (a.k.a. CASA) case load. • **Susan Thomas McKenna** says, "Thanks for hangin' in there, John. This is a bright spot in an otherwise gray landscape." • **Georgiana Ward Strickland** is in reasonably good health and hopes to stay that way for a while longer. She looks forward to reading classmate's news in the class column. • **Jojo Kittell Corey** writes, "I am healthy and keep busy knitting, reading, and having Zoom meetings with family and band colleagues. My big events are going to the grocery store and various doctor appointments. My daughter was able to visit with me last Thanksgiving and Christmas. Wonderful to have some company! There is one item of BIG news: I am now a great-grandmother on **Dave**'s side. An adorable boy arrived last May 29. They live in Maine, so I don't get to see them much, but I have seen him and have yet to give him a big snuggle! Here's hoping that 2021 will be a better year. I forgot to add that **Tom Heller** has gotten in touch via email. It's nice to communicate with old friends." • **John Weiger** reports, "Leslie and I celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary and Christmas with our children and grandchildren and masks." • As part of my note gathering, I sent out "Amazing Starlings Murmuration." Nancy Bridges, widow of **Dave Bridges**, wrote: "Dave would have enjoyed this display of starlings. I have forwarded it to our sons, both of whom are Midd grads. I am glad to be on your lists as the wife of your classmate." • Here are some short, but much appreciated, responses to my appeal for updates. **Peter A. Baldwin**: "I am still here!" **Sally Dickerman Brew**: "Please note my new email address is sallybrew2020@gmail.com." • **Tom Heller**: "I'm still here waiting for the COVID vaccine." • **Claire Burgess Steiger**: "I got your message testing my email. It worked!" • **Polly Longenecker McCurley** wished me a Merry Christmas. • **Junie Stringer DeCoster**: "I've read messages from you before and look forward to them again. I'll send any news I have." • **Roy Craig**: "Now in Boulder, Colo. Not settled but would like to stay involved in ensuring plans for our Class '55 Reunion. • **Joan Tolley Bassett** wrote that **Nancy Walker Faulkner**'s husband Kim died April 25, 2020, in Peterborough, N.H. They were married in 1959 and raised three daughters in Brookline, Mass. • **Hugo Ratti** died on December 16 after a short illness. He was 87 years old and lived in Amherst, Mass. His career was as an editor but he was also a poet, with work published in many magazines and journals, and he published four collections of poetry. His obituary suggested offering sympathy by having a memorial tree planted in his memory in a national forest. • I enjoy hearing from you and appreciate your thanks for my efforts. **Scotty Gillette** thanked me "for continuing to take on this thankless job." Well, it's not thankless. Many of you have expressed appreciation and **Roy Craig** even said, "Keep up the good work and take a bow." I'll keep on as your correspondent, but I'm not ready to "take a bow."

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SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

As COVID restrictions relax this year, you may have the chance to celebrate mini-reunions or weddings with friends. Be sure to take a photo for *Middlebury Magazine* at a high resolution and send it to Sara Marshall, Alumni Editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu so we can publish it in the magazine!

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REUNION CLASS **Mimi Schwarz Reed** shares memories of her dear friend and classmate, **Judy Phelps**, who passed away on May 19, 2020. "Judy was like a third roommate to **Marian Moran Brownlie** and me, living next door to us in Forest Hall our senior year. From conversations we had, it was clear that Judy wanted to become an English teacher. After graduating, we each went our separate ways. Judy continued her education at Columbia University, where she got a master's degree, following which she joined the faculty at the Chapin School in Manhattan. Chapin prepares its students—all young women—for top colleges and universities. As it happened, one of the hundreds of young women Judy taught in her 30 years at Chapin was Marian's daughter, Heather, who reports that Miss Phelps, as she was known to students, was a stellar teacher who had a profound influence on her later life, both at Columbia and subsequently NYU Law School. Following Judy's passing, the Chapin School head delivered these remarks, among others, stating that Judy 'was a dedicated and accessible educator who believed in all Chapin students' abilities and aspirations.' A Chapin alumna remembered that she 'was tough but fair, direct yet genuinely warm, a towering figure who was often found walking her tiny dog after school along East End.'" Judy's retirement hobbies included learning the art of stained glass and keeping in touch with the Chapin community. She also enjoyed going to Cape Cod, Mass., where she had a house in Dennis Port. Mimi says, "The three of us always stayed in touch in later years. Marian and I do miss her greatly." • Suffering from Alzheimer's, **Nancy Warner Benz** spent the last year-and-a-half of her life at EastView in Middlebury. Cari Burkard, director of sales and marketing at EastView, penned the following tribute, which was shared with other residents living there. Because we believe that Cari has caught the essence of Nancy's character and personality so well, we asked if we could share it, in part, with Nancy and **Mark**'s classmates. "We lost a lovely woman, a truly gracious lady, from our GardenSong neighborhood on Wednesday afternoon, November 17, 2020. Nancy Warner Benz was born in Waterbury, Conn., on May 8, 1934, and grew up in Woodbury, Conn. She married Mark Benz in 1959 and the couple lived in Burnt Hills, N.Y., and Lincoln, Vt. They raised four children: Jayne, Matt, Eric, and Martha. Nancy thoroughly enjoyed being a full-time wife and mother, with 'heavy sprinklings' of community involvement mixed in. But her passion was always her family, and it remained so until the day she died. Nancy moved to EastView a year-and-a-half ago, from the home she shared with Mark in Lincoln. I don't think there was ever a day in which Mark was not at EastView, by Nancy's side. They dined together regularly, with Mark often staying the night and leaving after breakfast. Mark truly became part of our family here at EastView. Nancy and Mark celebrated their 61st anniversary last July with a lovely outdoor luncheon in the garden. Nancy's family describes her as 'gentle, kind, polite, and giving, the epitome of grace.' We cannot agree more. She formed strong friendships with everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. She greatly appreciated all those around her in the GardenSong neighborhood, and she was kind and loving to all. My favorite story about Nancy has to do with her wedding dress. There is a memory box outside each GardenSong studio, a place in which residents and families place special objects that are meaningful to the resident. Nancy's memory box includes a photograph of Nancy and Mark on their wedding day. Nancy's dress is stunning, with a dramatic, full skirt that has to have been five feet in diameter. As I was sitting with Nancy and her family the day she moved in, I remarked on what a beautiful bride she was, and how lovely I found the dress to be. Everyone chuckled, and Mark shared the following story. Apparently, no one had measured the aisle of the church to ensure that the dress was not too wide for Nancy and her father to walk beside one another down the aisle. Well, it was too wide, and Nancy's father walked a bit behind his beautiful daughter as he gave her away. The newlyweds then headed westward, camping their way across the country, to Mark's family's ranch in Yakima Valley, Wash. The honeymoon trip even included a trek up

Gilbert Peak on horseback! We at EastView will miss Nancy's kindness, her grace, and her beautiful smile." **Dick Catlin** writes, "I would like to add a little to Cari Burkard's description. Mark and I met in 1952 at Midd's football camp. We became instant friends and roommates and our families have intertwined ever since. Nancy and my wife, Barb, were very close. All four of the Benz children graduated from Midd, two doctors, a schoolteacher, and a lawyer. Nancy may have been tiny in stature but she could crack the whip when needed (just ask Eric). And she had a wonderful sense of humor and loved pranks. It's hard to lose someone you have known for over 60 years. I suspect this has been and will be the case for many of us in our 80s. It's that time of life and we will all go through it. Our friendships will go a long way in sustaining the quality of our lives." **Lucy Boyd Littlefield** shares these remembrances. "Nancy was on Mortar Board with me and then lived with me and three other Midd women in Cambridge, Mass., for three years. She was a wonderful roommate. She had bright, sparkling eyes, a warm, sunny disposition, and was a great cook. This is when she and Mark started dating. He was in our apartment a lot! We were all in their lovely wedding in Connecticut." A memorial service will be held in Nancy's honor this year in Lincoln, at a time when family and friends can gather to fully celebrate her life. An obituary appears at the end of these notes. • **Matthew "Doc" Ellis** wants to share with classmates the sad news that his wife of 56 years, Jeanne Thompson Ellis, passed away on December 19, 2020. • Finally, it's our sad duty to report the death of **Bill Houghton**, who passed away at home on December 7, 2020, in Ithaca, N.Y., surrounded by his beloved family. He was 90 years old. He grew up in Watertown, N.Y., and went to school there. His college education was interrupted by the Korean War. Returning to Midd in the fall of 1954, Bill wasted no time getting involved in campus activities. In his senior year Bill served as chief justice on the men's Judiciary Council and also served as president of Delta Upsilon. He participated on the ski patrol and was tapped for Blue Key, but unquestionably what was most important was his meeting **Joan Mackinnon**, who was to become his wife. At the time of his passing, Bill and Joan had been married 63 years. The Middlebury connection remained constant. Together with **Mona Meyers Wheatley**, Bill co-chaired the very successful 50th Reunion. Bill and Joan were longtime residents of Cleveland and both were successful businesspersons. Before retiring, Bill and Joan formed their own company to market marine equipment that is sensitive to preserving the environment. In retirement Bill served as a consultant to people who were developing plans for their own small businesses. He became a lifetime member of Rotary, creating programs to send unused medical supplies to countries in need as well as programs for the delivery of food to the elderly. In Ithaca he headed a major funding development for his favorite food program, FOODNET, an agency that operates several trucks delivering meals to hundreds of people per day. Bill built several boats for use at the family camp in the Adirondacks. A lifetime National Ski Patrol member, he shared his love of skiing and the outdoors with his children. A memorial service will take place at the family camp in the Adirondacks next summer. • We are sorry that we can't all meet on campus in June for Reunion, but we hope to see classmates at the virtual events planned by the College.

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Pat Judah Palmer has been facilitating a Zoom meeting most every other Saturday. Send her your email and she will forward the Zoom entry information so you can join us if you'd like (patjpalmer@gmail.com). Pat had a fairly serious bout with COVID and was kept on oxygen in her home. No hospital needed, and she is well now. • We were sorry to learn of the passing of **Glen Graper**. He had a distinguished legal career and was active in starting a Young Republican group. He and his wife were dedicated to the raising and rescue of Newfoundland dogs. They took sailing trips and one cross-country trip on their motorcycle. For the obituary, simply type in Glen Graper. He was that well-known. • **Marty Johnson Wooldridge** and **Frankie Hall** debated the merits of restaurants in the Annapolis, Md., area worthy of Marty's two-hour drive, "when-we're-free trip," sans masks. • **Jane Ross Ludington**, Midd bio major, had a refresher course recently as husband, Townie, has had recurring hospitalizations. At this writing he is home feeling better. Encouraging notes may be sent via janeludington@gmail.com. Looking toward maskless times. Send news to **Ida Mae Johnson** at the email below.

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A great catch-up came from **Pat McCoy Collier**: "College, for me, was definitely a mixed bowl! On entering, I planned to be a French major. However, testing into a high intermediate class by one point, plus having a last-minute hire directly from France as instructor who spoke little English, led me to realize after that first semester I'd made a huge mistake. At that time, the solution was to switch to American civilization. As our junior year began, this major was canceled, so I finally graduated with a degree in political science, which had little to do with my future endeavors. After graduation, my husband, Don '59, and I spent a year in Madrid while he finished his master's. With only about four or five words in my vocabulary (*gracias*, *adiós*, and *qué bonito es!*)—talk about total immersion—I took the plunge. Don wouldn't speak to me in English till after 10:00 p.m., so I had no choice! Fortunately, two wonderful Spanish ladies, roughly my age, took me under their wing, and I spent my days with them, quickly developing a fluency. In fact, by Christmas, I found I was translating for a group of Spanish teachers from Coe College in Iowa. They definitely knew their grammar but could barely say *buenos días*! Thus, it all began. I ended up teaching Spanish in the States and eventually joined a medical supply company, where I directed and coordinated all Latin America/Asia Pacific sales. This led to wonderful experiences, world travel, and exceptional friends with unusual backgrounds. To this day, Spanish has been an important part of our lives and continually opens new doors for us, a future of which I would never have dreamed of back in 1958!" • After inviting **Jane Spaeth Neumann** to comment on her retirement, here's her clever reply: "I have read your prompt and find there is one word that prevents me from answering. *I am not retired*; never have been! Until COVID came along, I was working at Everything but Grannie's Panties, a cross between a thrift shop and an antique store. Now that it's closed, I am working part time to help set up estate sales with the owner. Usually, we work about a week to wash and price the contents of the house and arrange them so they look inviting to potential customers. This is a way to keep the business afloat without having to buy any merchandise and, so far, it has worked like a charm. A recent sale in Raleigh, N.C., has already taken in $12,000.00, and there is still bargain day on Tuesday when everything is discounted." • We were so sorry to learn that classmate **Rachel Cutter Bender** died on January 1. Rachel was born and raised in Gardner, Mass., where she grew up with many lifelong friends, cousins, aunts, and uncles. She had a career in education and taught at many schools, including in Germany. Teaching in Germany encouraged her interest in travel to visit 40 countries and 47 states. Music was important, and she enjoyed playing several instruments. She also loved singing with many choral groups. After starting to draw at an early age, she began watercolor painting and took lessons from local artists. She created greeting cards from some of her watercolors, selling them at a local gift shop; the proceeds supported a college scholarship she created for young women. Wintertime saw her skiing or ice skating, and summer was swimming or sailing. Rachel was a talented classmate who lived a full and memorable life. • Please keep in touch. We always look forward to hearing about the things you are doing you never dreamed of 65 years ago!

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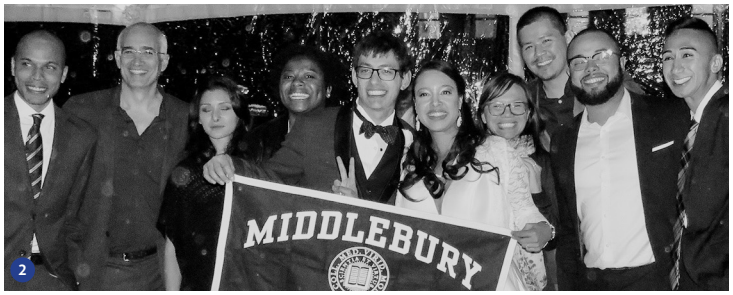

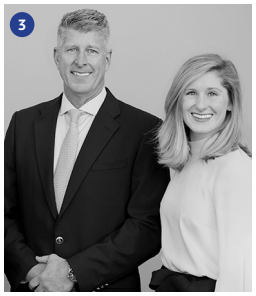

1 Kristen DeGraff '13.5 and Nathan Rudd '13 got married on November 2, 2019, at the Old Lantern Inn and Barn in Charlotte, Vt. Middlebury friends and family celebrated with the couple (in front): (all '13 or '13.5 unless noted) Alyssa Crogan '20.5, Caroline Towbin '10.5, Rodrigo Dominguez Villegas '09, Alison DeGraff Ollivierre '10.5, Annabelle Fowler '10, Rachel Fowler '14, Molly Kalter Laurano, Samantha Strom, Mary Robinson, (second row) Sam Davidson, Zale Young '20, Ariana Popa '22, Molly Shane, Tara Quinn, Catherine Charnov, Christine Walsh, (third row) Michael Joseph, Michael Hilgendorf, and Karl Wetterhorn. Missing from photo: Laurie Macaulay Jordan '79, photographer Teddy Anderson '13.5, and mother-of-the-bride Lyn DeGraff (associate director of Alumni and Parent Programs). 2 Kelly Dennis '07 married Jacob Mark on October 26, 2019, at the Watermill Center in Water Mill, N.Y. Middlebury friends joining them in celebration included (all '07 unless noted) Renard Rogers, Miguel Fernandez '85 (chief diversity officer, professor, Posse 5 mentor), Samantha Montanez Heinz, Sienna Chambers, the newlyweds, Jing Liu, David Ly, Carlos Beato, and John LoPresto. 3 The father-daughter team of Gary Domoracki '86 and Kelsey Domoracki '15 recently joined forces to form the Domoracki Private Client Group at Oppenheimer & Co. in Boston.

4 Kerry Reilly '10 married Robert Bennett on August 22, 2020, in an intimate wedding at her family's home in Beach Haven, N.J. Shannon Reilly Fidyk '97 served as her matron of honor and Brian Reilly '02 performed the homily and blessing.

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"COVID-19 has created excess funds we haven't spent on travel, restaurants, etc. It has been used for purchase of a whole house generator, stair lifts, oxygen concentrators, nebulizers, new heat and AC system, and a new water heater in hopes that we can stay put. I also donated the bulk of the most recent stimulus check to our local food bank as we did with the previous check." • **Mary Charles Hubbard Blakebrough** leads Zoom meetings for her monthly OD Special Interest Group on Change, the Raleigh Midtown Rotary Club, where she is president, and for a monthly church craft circle. She is still coaching a few career clients as a Designing Your Life Certified Coach. Her new purpose is using the process in *The Emotion Code* by Dr. Bradley Nelson to release trapped emotions causing stress and pain in people and pets. • **Patricia Sherlock Davidson** says, "I'm living a simple life, mainly remaining inside trying to stay safe. I'm doing all of my math tutoring on Zoom or FaceTime and am enjoying helping several students whose families can't afford to pay me. This certainly is a time for community, family, friends, love, gratitude, and hope. Warm wishes to all." • **Sally Williams Zampariolo** writes, "Two outdoor chair yoga lessons a week, seeing neighbors while gardening, and the occasional lunch with family and friends during the warmer weather made life seem almost normal until late fall here in Upstate New York. Late fall and winter were more challenging, but I still did chair yoga one day a week in the park with a dozen older adults who braved the cold weather. First great-grandchild, Jago, arrived in late November. At 10 pounds 5 ounces, he holds the 2020 record as the largest baby born in Brattleboro (Vt.) Hospital. I finally got to meet him last week when granddaughter Amanda made a brief, surprise visit." • **Martha Gerhart** reports, "At the CCYoung senior living complex here in Dallas we're still quarantined and COVID tested once a week; there've been several positive cases (who've been taken off campus to recover), so it's all about hoping to get to a COVID-free status asap. We can go out occasionally, as I've done, if willing to spend the next seven days without leaving our apartments. Take care, everyone!" • **Anne Goebel Barkman** says, "I had a Zoom meeting with family on Christmas day—weird but nice. Only one child was actually with me then, who had to be in quarantine for 14 days like anyone else entering Canada from elsewhere—a sensible requirement, unlike the absence of a similar one for U.S. citizens entering the U.S. Nothing else going on with me since people our age are encouraged to stay home, keep socially distanced when out, and limit contacts for their own (and everyone else's) well-being." • **Nancy Frame Sveden** writes, "My to-do list is totally empty—no baseball guy hosting, no summer school teaching, no tutoring, no church singing, but thank goodness we have phones and email and texts and Zoom! Totally to my techie kids' amazement, I learned (grandson, of course, taught me) how to be a Zoom host. And every Tuesday morning, at 10:00 ET, I invite **Katy Bush Hardy** (England or Colorado), **Ellie 'Pinky' Bliss** (Vermont), **Sally Sprague Carr** (Ohio), and **Granthia Lavery Preston** (New Hampshire) to join me (Cape Cod). We chat and visit as if we were sitting on our beds in Forest—such fun. Out of this dumb pandemic comes something we would never have been able to imagine 60 years ago! I hope you all are staying well and continuing to smile, even inside your mask—we WILL get through this!" • **Sally Carr** adds, "Thank goodness for Zoom for connections with Middlebury '59ers (thanks, Nancy!) and church meetings. Doug and I spent several weeks at our favorite retreat, the Inn at Honey Run in Amish country, Ohio. Check it out! It is secluded and lovely—we have been going there since 1995 and got engaged there. They have an outdoor art museum, many sheep, and an excellent chef! But besides that and numerous doctors appointments, that's our world. Happily our daughter Missy lives with us and is able to do our shopping—in fact all our kids are close by and check on us regularly. We are blessed!" • From Atlanta, Ga., **Ailene Kane Rogers** reports, "I've had a pacemaker put in and a few other surgeries; my daughter Helen has been here taking full care of me. Fortunately, her husband, Joel, is also here; due to the pandemic his 'office' is the dining room. My son, John, and wife Abigail are living in their house on the Maine shore, where my two grandchildren can walk to school. Their parents teach virtual classes at Providence College and Phillips Academy. Daughter Ruth is living at my house in Maine and enjoying the beauties of the Maine woods. While I feel pretty isolated here in Georgia, I look forward to getting back up north for visits when the pandemic is controlled. Best to all my classmates!" • **Anne Martin Hartmann** writes, "I had a lovely Christmas with Liza and family. The most interesting present was a real live professional quality drone for grandson Jack, given to him by his parents and me, jointly. He directs it beautifully, but each time is a new challenge—too much wind? Too many trees between the drone and home? I think he'll soon make some money with it—taking pictures for people—that is if he doesn't lose it or damage it first!" • Sadly **Constance Crabbe Dehlendorf** passed away on October 7, 2020, in Blacklick, Ohio, where she lived. An obituary appears at the end of these notes.

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"What do we live for, if not to make life less difficult for each other?" As **Gretchen Augat Reilly** concluded her letter, noting that this quote from George Eliot was more than appropriate for 2020. She had to return to Cotuit, Mass., from Sarasota, Fla., a month early. She says it was a wonderful diversion to see more waterfowl than usual on Rusty Marsh Pond. She needed her bird book to identify a dozen small ducks she had not seen before. • Jim and **Louisa Potts Salmon**, who live in Erie, Pa., got in a trip to Mardi Gras and a Caribbean cruise before the lockdown last year. They welcomed grandsons and their parents to their house to live and help on the farm. Jim had abundant corn and paw-paw crops. • From Port Orchard, Wash., **Sherb Merrill** wrote, "The older I get, the more staying in touch seems to mean, especially this year. Thank you, class correspondents! You are in charge of my long-term memories." • In Bozeman, Mont., **Jean MacInnes** spent January and February 2020 walking and cross-country skiing. In March she visited friends and family in Arizona and caught one spring training baseball game before everything shut down. There was some skiing left, as her last ski was on April 16, 2020. She concluded, "I am blessed to have all this in Montana—'The Last Best Place!'" • **Betsy Cilley Goeke** checked in from Winchester, Mass. She had shoulder surgery in January 2020. With her MD's OK she and Bob and their daughter went to Engelberg, Switzerland, in the middle of February. Back home, Betsy continued her physical therapy by Zoom, which returned her shoulder to comfortable use. Betsy continues knitting and doing hand work, but her Parkinson's tremor has led her to coarser projects. • Mel and **Polly Johnson Stephens** stayed close to home in Concord, Mass., last year only venturing out for groceries and other essential items. They didn't mind the confinement because at their (and our) age it wasn't a big lifestyle change. Mel tended his garden plot and kept them supplied with tomatoes and cucumbers in the summer. He started skiing at Wachusett Mountain right after Thanksgiving. Management gave him a pin that reads, "Our oldest skier, 87 years," which he proudly wears when skiing. • **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner** of Essex, Conn., are members of a New Horizons Band—she as a percussionist and he plays the trumpet. They play twice a week, negotiating lots of key changes, sharps, and flats that keep them on their toes. Paddle tennis is a weekly routine. They sing in their church choir and look forward to being able to resume that. • After evacuating in March 2020, **Jane Bryant Quinn** and Carll Tucker returned to Rome, Italy, in August. They managed a 10-day tour of Umbria plus another week in Florence before Italy shut the museums and cracked down on internal travel. Since early December, they've been locked into Lazio, the region that includes Rome. Fortunately, the churches stayed open and there are plenty of small churches with terrific art in Lazio's smaller towns. By early February 2021 the museums were reopening but travel was still a no-no, so their planned trips to Puglia, Naples, Sicily, Ravenna, Genoa, etc., were on hold. Jane added that the EU was totally screwed up on vaccine supply and Italy was worse. It probably won't reach the general population there until late summer. Jane and Carll had serious vac-

cine envy. Their two-year visa renewal was supposed to arrive around mid-March, then they planned to go home to Poughquag, N.Y., (50 miles north of NYC) for a visit and vaccinations. They are considering half a year in Rome, half a year at home. Jane concluded, "My Italian remains terrible—pretty good on paper but poor in speech. For some odd reason I can't memorize as well as I used to. Dunno why. Couldn't be age, could it? Nah..." • **Jean Seeler-Gifford**'s holiday letter was full of several helpful sayings, such as these from her to-do list: "Count my blessings. Let go of things I can't control. Practice kindness." **Anne De Sola Paust** in Succasunna, N.J., enjoyed Jean's advice. She says, "Thanks for the wise words. I think I am finally growing up and can appreciate them." • From Middlebury, **Pat Knox Davies** wrote that she was still recovering from the very massive revision of a revision of her right hip. Formerly a nationally ranked amateur singles tennis player, Pat has become an avid pickleball player. As a vegetarian, she had an article published in the local Middlebury newspaper. She ended with this advice: "Eat your plants and avoid meat and all dairy." • **Susan Gore** of Cheyenne, Wyo., is happy and healthy in a house overlooking Crow Creek and grazing horses. She runs a Wyoming think tank. Matilda, a black, yellow-eyed "Schutzhund", has the responsibility to strengthen Sue's throwing arm. Sue said that she still throws like a girl but is trying to get over that. They go for brisk walks along the creek and in the windy high prairie. • We are sad to report the death of **Russell Heaton** in January after a 10-year journey with MSA Parkinsonism. He told his family in Bayfield, Colo., "Don't cry because I am gone, sing because I was here." At Middlebury, Russ was an American history major. He was a member of Delta Upsilon, was on the ski patrol, and was a four-year member of the Community Chest, co-chairman his senior year. **Nancy Mumford Mulvey** wrote, "I remember his A-frame up in the mountains. I think he built it. All of us history majors had a party there after our comprehensives, along with Tom Reynolds and Pardon Tillinghast. We all had much too much beer so I don't remember too many details—but it was a beautiful spot." • Classmates, now that you've read this column on your computer or phone, please click on your email and send an update to one of your class correspondents, addresses below. Your friends from Midd '60 want to hear from/about you, your hobbies, your volunteering, your travels, if you've moved, where? And why?

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REUNION CLASS **Gerald "Colonel" Carrick** reports that he survived COVID-19 "with little discomfort." We hope not many other classmates were stricken. Many of us 80+-year-olds will have gotten the vaccine by the time you read this. • **John Williams** said because of the virus he was unable to go to Vermont for deer season. He did travel to Colorado Springs to visit his son, Marcus. • **George Logan** wrote that he has his health and his wits although his four kids occasionally remind him otherwise. He has three daughters, one son, and six grandchildren. Among them are a Delta pilot, a paralegal, an advertising executive, and a stay-at-home mom. George also has the companionship of a woman who lives in Atlanta and is in the real estate business. Macon, where George lives, is an hour south of Atlanta. Currently, he is contemplating moving to a congregate community at the behest of his children. Many of us have made "that move" and are very happy with the results. • **John Harris** and his wife, Koko (Hart) '63, were in Florida on a Model T Ford tour when COVID-19 hit. They hightailed it back to the Maine coast, where they have pretty much been isolated since. Like with many of us, John has attended many Zoom meetings and Zoom family gatherings. John and Koko have used the time to maintain and drive their antique cars, aged from 1900 to 1990. Your class correspondent inquired whether John meant that cars from 1990 were *really* "antiques." John assured me that for insurance and registration, a 1990 car *was* an antique. He is the proud owner of a 1990 Mercedes sports car. • On a sad note, we received word that **Paul Frinsko** passed away on December 14, 2020. We express our condolences to wife **Linda** (**Ryman**) and their family. • Kane Phelps '63 sent this sad news. "**Robert Leverant** died February 28 in Petaluma, Calif., from Alzheimer's disease. I first met Robert in 1960 at the Chi Psi fraternity. He was a leader and an intellectual. He invited me to join a group of students who met once a month at a local restaurant and invited a faculty member to speak on a topic of interest to him/her but not necessarily the subject that he/she taught. Lively discussions ensued. Robert was the president of the group. After graduation, we each went our separate ways, he to India, me to the Philippines, but we reconnected in the mid-1970s when I was living in Big Sur, Calif., and he was in Berkeley. Robert was a professional photographer and had written a seminal (and commercially successful) book on photography, *Zen in the Art of Photography*. Then ensued another long interval in our relationship as my wife, Dee Dee, and I moved down to Los Angeles in 1980. I believe it was around 2016 when we reconnected via telephone. The love and the joy in our relationship seemed even more alive as he had shifted careers to become a psychotherapist, just as I had done in 2011. In addition, we both had become adherents of Zen Buddhism. We had so much in common, so much to share. I vividly remember phone conversations that lasted an hour or more, talking shop—our patients, our dedication to helping to relieve suffering—and reminiscing about our Middlebury experiences. We always had a lot of laughs. Robert was one of the gentlest and kindest people I have ever known."

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Jan "Timmi" Timmerman Abbott reports they had six months of total workday babysitting for new grandson Teddy, and currently, with Teddy in day care Monday through Friday, they "only" babysit the four out of six weekends that his mom is "keeping us safe up at the border." All this at GREAT-grandparent age! In order to keep up with others in her Silver Streakers cycling group, Timmi celebrated her 80th birthday with the purchase of an e-bike. • Sadly, we learned that **Martin Brown** died last September. **Jon LeTowt** writes, "Marty Brown and I went through Army ROTC together at Middlebury. In our senior year, Marty was assistant commandant of the ROTC Guards, the precision drill team. He stayed in the Army and became a fine career officer and rose to become a lieutenant colonel with some tough going in Vietnam during the late '60s. An officer and a gentleman, to be sure." • We also learned that **Suzanne "Suzie" Wright LaTulippe** died in January. **Susie Stevens McKibben** sent these words: "I hadn't been in touch with Suzie for more than 50 years, other than trying to get her to come to Reunions, which sadly she never did. But the memories of the times we spent together at Middlebury are as vivid today as they were then. We both lived on the short corridor of Batt North, second floor, and were both biology majors, together with Critt (**Jane Crittenden Sommers**) and **Alice Couperus Gross**. We had many adventures and misadventures in the years we were in biology together, some of which involved our ecology class with Dr. Woodin. He was not at all impressed with our attempts at being outdoorsy biologists. Our adventure on the fall field trip on Lake Dunmore when several of us in a rowboat were supposed to be measuring various features of the water (turbidity, etc., I think) and lost one of our oars overboard was not anywhere as hilarious to Dr. Woodin as it was to us! And, just before Christmas vacation one year, someone had been given a baby alligator and had turned it over to the Biology Dept., where our bio lab assistant was caring for it in a tank in the lab. Unfortunately, no one was going to be there to care for the alligator over vacation, so Suzie said, 'No problem! I am going to drive to Florida over Christmas vacation and will take the alligator to Okefenokee Swamp on the way.' The only problem with this idea was that she was coming first with me to my home in Rhode Island. So for several days, the alligator lived in the guest room sink in my parents' house. My mother was less than thrilled with the alligator's snorting through the night. All ended well, how-

ever, with Suzie and the alligator going to Florida and the alligator staying behind in the swamp. I will always remember Suzie with a smile and memories of her distinctive, deep laugh."

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The year 2020 certainly was chaotic in many respects, amplified by COVID-19. In Middlebury, the College and the town were both forced to make huge adjustments. Our class too—the task of writing these class notes is now shared by **Bruce Bailey** (Lake Forest Park, Wash.), **Larry Ring** (Tucson, Ariz.), **Janie Bachelder Johnson** (Danby, Vt.), and me, **Chris White** (Bucksport, Maine). We welcome your input. See contact information below. • Fortunately, to date, no one in our class has succumbed to COVID, that we know of, however some of us have lost relatives and close friends. Hopefully the vaccines will lessen the peril. It has become evident that many of us have entered these "golden years" gracefully, downsizing and simplifying our lives. • **Jan Brevoort Allen-Spencer** (Huntington Station, N.Y.) relates that via Zoom she is able to share music practices and poetry with colleagues and friends afar. She looks back on 50+ years of active involvement in the League of Women Voters and to almost as many years in leadership roles in the Presbyterian Church of her region. She now looks forward to continuing her efforts at a slower pace and lower intensity. • **Chris Baker** (Lexington Park, Md.) speaks of having in the past year participated in several informal Theta Chi brothers' gatherings. In addition, he maintains a lively connection with **Bill** and **Barbara Brown Starkey** (Galena, Md.). • **Jane Choate Beck** (Middlebury, Vt.) has preserved her sanity via golf and trips to Florida visiting family while continuing work on several folklore projects. She says she is already missing the camaraderie of **Chuck** and **Sue Handy Burdick,** who have moved from Middlebury to a retirement facility in Exeter, N.H. • **Rex Brown** (Denver, Colo.) maintains connections with KDR brothers. He and wife Sharon live in a large factory complex they have restored with an art gallery for Sharon and a fine office space for Rex and his publication efforts. He currently is in the throes of writing an extensive memoir to pass along to friends and family of his "growing-up years," with emphasis on involvement in the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and the Iowa State Writers' Conference. Both channeled him into becoming the director of teacher training at the University of Denver. He encourages each us to take on the task of writing memoirs to pass along. • **Priscilla "Kitty" Clapp** (Washington, D.C.) has not found COVID to be an isolation factor in her life as she keeps up with various friends dating back to her years as a diplomat in Burma. She looks forward to the COVID vaccine results and encourages us all to get one. • **Ben Greene** (West Palm Beach, Fla.) has dodged COVID, however it did strike close to home and he has lost several close friends due to other health issues. At the time of our conversation, he was looking forward to skiing with cousins at Saddleback Mountain in Rangeley, Maine. He was also anticipating hunting boar in Florida upon return. • **Dave** and **Mary Leslie Hanscom** (Park City, Utah) continue to flourish but at a reduced pace—being in "deep isolation" from their children and grandchildren. Dave continues to hike regularly but now always with ski poles to assure stability. Mary is the gardener, and he is the walker. This was Dave's final year (after 30) as leader of a cross-country ski race program in Utah that annually attracts 200–300 participants and produces five races throughout the state each year. We send him KUDOS. Mary and Dave regularly see Bonnie Bower, widow of **John Bower**, in Kamas, Utah. • **Noel** and **Betty Anne Cooper Kane** (Washington, D.C.) have experienced a very full year. Betty retired in 2019 and Noel had some serious health issues about the time COVID entered the scene. Fortunately, they were able to "hole up" in their Harpswell, Maine, home near Brunswick, where their nurse daughter lives. Betty Anne used the seclusion to study old family movies dating back to the 1940s. Both Noel and Betty Anne enjoyed an August visit by Sybil and **Charles Buell**, who traveled from Norwich, Vt. • **Scott Low** (Palm Beach, Fla.) says he has not crossed paths with classmates but has dodged several Trump cavalcades passing through to nearby Mara-Lago. Scott and I (Chris) plan to "raft up" together this coming summer in Somesville, Maine. • Life for **Al** and Sue Stevens '62 **McKibben** (North Ferrisburg, Vt.) has not slowed down during the epidemic. Mild fall and early winter weather allowed them to repair/rebuild outbuildings, maintain trails, and gather plenty of firewood for winter. Distance travel has been curtailed, but digitally they have maintained contact with their son and family in Italy. Al's closing words in conversation were that "he looks forward optimistically to 2021." • **John Simpson** (Portland, Maine) has retired from the banking world in Maine. He and wife Norma are actively downsizing and selling their longtime home to their daughter's family. At this writing, they are slowly moving furniture and clothes into a nearby retirement community just blocks away! Their plan is a win for all. Grandchildren remain close at hand. • In closing, it is evident that we have entered new waters. Vaccines are available. The pandemic has helped us define our values and start us on the way to simplifying our approaches to the coming years. It's a world very different from the one we entered upon graduation in 1963. It's hard to believe that two years from now, we will celebrate our 60th Reunion. Please contact any of us with thoughts or news to share in these class notes. Make it a point to share kindness with those around you. Dance joyfully in sunshine during 2021.

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Correspondent **Bob Baskin** reports: Sadly, we have to report the passing of **Geoff Nichols**. He was married to Joan Hagerman Nichols and together they created Tom White Hill Farm in Pomfret, Vt., where they raised their three children, Hannah, Chris, and Parker. Geoff was a creative and astute businessman and worked hard to develop a successful real estate business, Woodstock Properties, as well as Mellishwood Housing, an important asset to the Woodstock community, providing affordable housing to elderly residents. Additionally, Geoff was a passionate supporter of the Vermont Land Trust, the Green Mountain Horse Association, and the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, as well as being instrumental in bringing lacrosse to the youth of Woodstock in the 1970s. Friends and family alike described Geoff as a generous and kind man of integrity. He will be missed. • As part of its 50th-anniversary celebration, the Association of International Metallizers, Coaters, and Laminators (AIMCAL) has established the AIMCAL Hall of Honor to recognize significant contributions to the group and the roll-to-roll industry. Our classmate, **Chuck Larsen,** was one of five honorees inducted this year. He was cofounder and chief executive officer of Celplast Metallized Products (CMP) in Toronto, Ontario, and has been active in AIMCAL for many years. He has served on the board, presented at AIMCAL conferences, and supported the AIMCAL Awards program, where CMP has earned recognition for products and technology. In acknowledging his award, Chuck said, "Board membership was a gratifying experience, helping take an organization which was losing membership and money to one that has undergone great global success and growth. My most satisfying accomplishment was helping to move a failing technical program with unsustainable attendance into the successful format it maintains today." • Correspondent **Dori Ells Jurgenson** reports: Some may remember **Ann Bliss**, who did not graduate with us but was at Middlebury for a couple of years. Ann passed away August 23, 2020, in Boulder, Colo. She was born September 16, 1942, in Chappaqua, N.Y., where she grew up and attended Horace Greeley High School before coming to Middlebury. In June 1962 she married high school sweetheart Bruce Mygatt; they moved to Montana where Ann finished her degree and had son Chris in 1963, then to Portland, Ore., where son Brian was born in 1966, and finally to Boulder. Eventually she divorced and entered the University of Wisconsin Madison Law School in the mid-1980s. She returned to

Boulder, where she worked as a district attorney then founded an all-female law firm and practiced law for many years, working in land use and environmental law, and helping those who needed legal advice. She was proudest of "standing up to bullies" in her legal life. She remarried twice, traveled widely, and enjoyed the Longmont Bridge Club. In the 1990s Ann developed Parkinson's but continued to love life and be as active as possible. • **Jane Bowditch Holtz** had been sharing on Facebook the journey of her adopted Korean daughter Nam, and I (**Dori**) asked if she would like to write a summary for this column. In her words: "I would like to tell you a little about our daughter Nam's award-winning documentary film *Found in Korea*. After Steve '62 and I had two children together, Amy '89 and Peter, we adopted Nam as an infant and later our son Tae as a toddler, both from South Korea. Just after her 35th birthday, Nam returned to Korea to search for her roots but also to learn more about where she was born, and she filmed her entire trip with the intention of sharing it with others. It turned out to be a far more emotional journey than she expected, and these emotions are part of her story. She searched for her birth family, visited the city where she was born, saw street performances, tasted different foods, and met many Koreans who welcomed her warmly and helped her in her search. Through it all she experienced many feelings about herself and her adoption, and it is these emotions which, I feel, give the film its real impact. Since her return home she has become very involved with other adoptees and adoption in general. By sharing her film, she has been able to help others initiate more open conversations about adoption and its impact on children and their families. If someone is interested in the film, it is possible to go to foundinkorea.com or Google *Found in Korea* produced by Meggin Nam Holtz. It's also still appearing in film festivals around the country." Jane adds that Nam has just earned a master's in social work so she can work in adoption and areas of childhood trauma. Jane says, "We are very proud of Nam, and the film has had an impact on our entire family in more ways than I can explain." • **Leigh Marr Knox** wrote at Christmas to say hi and sent an amusing 12 days of Christmas e-card based on Oregon images, too much to reproduce here: "And a Spotted Owl in a Fir Tree." • **Lans Hays**, enduring the COVID doldrums, turned to reflecting on the Middlebury experience. He regrets at having so little wisdom or perspective at the time, or curiosity about others' social experiences or loneliness at Middlebury; he ponders the lifelong value—or not—of the major chosen and feels surprise at how vividly particular memories—some happier than others—come back 55+ years later. Funny memories come back too, to which some will no doubt relate: "Reginald Cook bouncing up and down on his toes when discussing a particularly ingenious turn of phrase in a novel at his lectern—during the weeks when he insisted we read *Pierre* instead of *Moby-Dick*, he failed to bounce even once. I remember the evening at Woodsman's Weekend after the square dance when I looked into the Bread Loaf Barn and saw lines of students with mattresses carried overhead on their way out windows and into the woods like ants carrying sugar cubes. With the Green Mountains nearby you might think I would remember standing on a summit exalting to the heavens. Instead I recall packing the outrun of the ski jump preparing for Carnival freshman year. I failed to look down the slope when finished. I was not a great skier and before I could snowplow, I was moving too fast to do so. I could only scream. Hardly exalting. Somehow I arrived at the border fence intact. Living felt grand."

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SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

As COVID restrictions relax this year, you may have the chance to celebrate mini-reunions or weddings with friends. Be sure to take a photo for *Middlebury Magazine* at a high resolution and send it to Sara Marshall, Alumni Editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu so we can publish it in the magazine!

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Pam and **Earl Ball** are living outside of Philadelphia. "After spending three decades as the head of an independent school in the city, I have been teaching for the last 10 years in the school of education at Penn. Great fun to work with talented students. I love the work, but at the same time I'm trying to be sensitive to the time that my expertise and perspective will be dated. Our kids have moved from Philadelphia—one with his family to Houston and the other with his family to the mountains outside of Golden, Colo. Makes for fun travel when travel is a possibility." • Sharron Roberts sent the sad news that her husband, **Peter Tufts**, died January 1 after a brief struggle with cancer. She sent this message: "Peter loved Middlebury. It so suited him and his honest and truth-seeking personality. He was always a gentleman and a true New Englander. He remembered all he learned and imparted his knowledge by how he lived his life and how he touched all he met and knew. His smile and his ability to listen to whomever he encountered endeared him to all. And his stories—Peter always had a story to make someone laugh and make them included in their conversation with him. We came to Peter's 50th Reunion, which was such a wonderful experience. Peter connected again with his wonderful friends and relived those great days of his youth, which were nurtured by the total atmosphere of Middlebury. The tales of adventures he had with his friends were retold and retold as we shared all the great weekend activities. He always proudly wore his Middlebury veteran's baseball hat, which he received at Reunion. Peter epitomized a Middlebury student and then an exemplary graduate of the College. I will miss him so very much." An avid jogger, he competed in many New York marathons, triathlons, and local races. **Lindsay Webbe** wrote, "Peter was one of those rare individuals who was respected by all with whom he came in contact. Sailor, friend, Naval officer, father, husband, grandfather. He was a soft-spoken, lifelong companion. He was a significant part of my Middlebury experience. Who else would bring a crazy MONKEY to Vermont in the winter as a pet!" **John Hastings** added, "He was definitely a very special man, and I am happy to have known him all these years." Dick Wien '66 recalls their experiences on the sailing team. "What memorable regattas—capsizing in the Charles River and getting hepatitis shots because it was so polluted. The best by far was the New England college finals at the Coast Guard Academy. Everyone else had buzz cuts and were super serious in nautical whites. We had long hair and were resplendent in jeans and got a lot of looks—especially when we pulled out cigars and used their smoke for our tell-tail." • And we have more news about Julia Sinton '20.5, granddaughter of **Martha Saenz.** She was awarded the Jason B. Fleishman '03.5 Award, given each year to that Feb student "who embodies the following characteristics of Jason's life: college pride, academic passions and determination, excellence in leadership and involvement, a positive attitude, and care for others." (Jason died the day after his February 2004 graduation and the award was established in honor of him.)

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REUNION CLASS In mid-October last year, **Holly Hartley** sent us a before-and-after glimpse of her life: "Before mid-March I was playing tennis two or three times a week and participating in a pottery co-op (making pots!). My partner, Oscar, and I had wine tastings at our house every other week and went to concerts, plays, and movies. We went to Cranberry Island in Maine each summer. All this is on hold or being slowly reimagined. When **Prue** first asked me to write something for the alumni magazine, I was stuck. I take long walks in the neighborhood and yoga classes on Zoom. Since then, we have managed a small wine tasting in our backyard, and we have gone to live jazz twice on a deck overlooking San Francisco Bay. We are trying to be careful, but man does not live by Zoom alone." • **Dick Lippert** let us know about the big news for him and wife Barbara (Shean) '68. Their son David '93 and his wife, Sarah, presented them with granddaughter Alice on October 25, 2020. The Lipperts are still rais-

1 Kathryn Nagel '12 and Matthew Kingsbury '12 were married in Valley Forge, Pa., on October 26, 2019, with many Middlebury friends in attendance: (all '12 unless noted) Jessica Lehner '09, Kim Caldwell '76, Emily Blair, Dana Walters, Sarah Harney, Megan McGeehan, Nadia Schreiber, Sara Cohen, Lauren Sherman '05, Heidi Lehner '72, (second row) John Lambert '76, Silvano Monte, Colleen Carroll, Denise Marte, Eleanor Peters, (third row) Josh Espy '17, Nick Zhao, Mike Koniares '13, Mike Bayersdorfer '10, Evan Doyle '11, the newlyweds, Dylan Kingsbury '17, James Maru, Spencer Burch '13, Dan Shaw, (fourth row) Myric Lehner (non-Midd), Brooks Coe, Ben Pruitt, Phil Palmer, Nolan Maier, Jack Maher, Tom Crocker '11, and Michael Polebaum. 2 On December 3, 2020, Seth Green '97.5 married Sari Eisendrath atop a hill in Marin County, Calif., with a view of Mt. Tamalpais to the west. They were joined by their dogs Arlo and Betsy and family and friends via Zoom. The ceremony was officiated by Mark Farrell, former mayor of San Francisco. 3 Alp Sipahigil married Olivia Bailey '07 in front of a repurposed fair booth in the parking lot of the Honda Center in Anaheim, Calif., on May 5, 2020.

4 Martin Dunning and Cooper Couch '15 were married on November 7, 2020, at Loveland Pass, Colo., with their cattle dogs Mila Rose and Ginger Mae as witnesses. They celebrated virtually that evening with family and friends.

ing guide dogs, with their latest and 14th pup, Colleen, being considered for breeding by Guiding Eyes for the Blind. If she is bred, Dick and Barbara will get pick of the litter to raise as their 15th pup. Dick says he continues to enjoy plenty of golf and is thankful that golf was early on considered an essential outdoor activity. • **Leslie Anderson Curchack** has created her 11th annual calendar, "In Love with Earth," covering the year 2021. For more details about the calendar, including how to order a copy, you will find a posting on our Midd Class of '66 Facebook page. You'll also see Leslie's photo for January there! • "Since my last note (when was it?)," **Kate Meyers MacKinnon** writes, "I don't think a lot of newsworthy things have happened. With COVID-19 and the unbelievable age we are, we've been lying low for the most part." One thing that made last summer enjoyable for the MacKinnons was that they could go sailing every day and not need to wear a mask! They still have *Nepenthe*, the boat **Bruce** bought in 1967, as well as a newer wooden Herreshoff-design "Buzzards Bay Boys' Boat," which a local boat builder made for them. Kate loves the fact that they are within a minute of the water. In closing, Kate writes, "We are still active as Jehovah's Witnesses in the Providence French language congregation, though we have our meetings and do our witnessing and Bible study conducting over Zoom. Lots of people are wondering what's going on with the world these days!"

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Tommy Patterson died on October 8, 2020, from his long journey with the frontal temporal lobe dementia named primary progressive aphasia. Tommy and his Midd girlfriend and wife, **Susie Davis Patterson**, traveled this long and often stabbing road together for more than 10 years, and the summer of his dying was especially difficult because of COVID, which meant his family was not allowed inside the Arbors, the care facility in Shelburne where he resided. Susie wants to thank her whole Middlebury family who supported her throughout, and a special shout-out to classmates at our 50th Reunion. You helped provide Tommy with his grand, last hurrah, playing the piano as we all proceeded into our class banquet at Bread Loaf and receiving accolades from one and all passing by him. He loved it! Six months later he needed to move to the Arbors where he did feel safe and comforted, his family believes, until his death. • **David Colman** is still as deeply involved with cars as he was at Midd. "I write a weekly review of a new steed for TheAutoChannel.com and also take my own photos. I have been doing a weekly review for one source or another since about 1986. Some are posted on YouTube, most recently one about the 2021 Genesis GV-80, which I tested about a week before

Tiger Woods crashed his. I and wife Judy have collected Porsches over the years, ever since I started a magazine about the marque called *Excellence*. The most recent is a 2016 GT4 Cayman. Since we get a manufacturer provided car each week, we never seem to get to drive ours anymore. You remember the yellow (Primrose) 1965 XKE I had at college? The one Moose Provoncha's Esso jump-started every other day? Well I was thrilled to sell it in 1972 for the princely sum of $1,750. Restored, that primo year E-Type would bring about $200K at auction. Good move, huh?" We in turn wonder, if you had a car at Midd (junior and senior year only!), what model was it, what was it worth then, and what would it be worth today? • **Robin Thomas** died on December 18, 2020. Her roommate for four years during college, **Beverly Fead Leys** writes, "Things you might remember about Robin: her love of dance and swimming, her history thesis project on Prester John, her wonderful laugh, and her wry political perceptions. Things you might want to know: she went on to become a true Northwesterner, living in Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash. She continued hiking, skiing, and exploring the outdoors. She was part of a Mammas for Obama group. She earned further degrees in teaching and nursing and later combined these disciplines for health education efforts. She was married twice and had a wonderful son, Eli, who together with his wife, Megan, are raising her three grandchildren. She was part of a Middlebury mini-group of 10 begun in 2005 and attended the reunions that followed. She was much loved." Beverly shared a few anecdotes about herself and Robin—all had riotous shared laughter as a common element. This is my (**Susie**'s) favorite: "I remember once the two of us bought a pecan pie at a bakery in downtown Middlebury. We had no plate, no utensils, just the good hunger of being young. We started at opposite sides, just eating that pie, laughing between bites as we stared across the pie at each other's eyes, like two little crocodiles coming up for air." • **Diane Kaski DeMent** died October 7, 2020. **Faith Cohoon Leonard** recalls Diane in college as "a warm presence with smiles and encouragement for everyone." One of her roommates, **Carolyn Ogden Stenerson**, says, "She had a ready smile and lots of energy," which is how I (**Susie**) remember her as well. **Sheldon Baker** remembers her hanging out at Slug with Rick Church '66. Susie adds, "I had a good phone visit with Diane before our 50th Reunion. She was wheelchair bound with MS at that time, and we discussed how she might manage to come join us and navigate Forest dorm, the campus, and my house and grounds at Lake Dunmore. In the end, she wrote me that it just felt like too much for her." • Many of us in the Class of '67 no doubt remember **Erik Borg**, an outgoing and gracious man, even as an undergraduate. His ex-wife Susan Gallagher Borg '68 sent a note from their daughter in November to her Facebook friends, informing us of Erik's death, a portion of which is excerpted here: "It is with a completely broken heart that I have to report that on Thursday my father, Erik Borg, was killed in an accident while riding his bicycle. As Dad lived in England, his death is further complicated by the restrictions of COVID-19. Right now, it's Sunday morning and any other week my dad would have called me by now as he did every Sunday morning. My dad was sweet and kind and gentle. He was bookish and deliberate in his thinking. He was a man of deep integrity with an artist's eye and an engineer's precision. He loved his wife and his dogs, he was passionate about cycling, and he loved me and my girls with all his heart." Erik worked in Middlebury as a photographer for many years after his College days, leaving here to work abroad in the 1990s, eventually settling in England and teaching at Coventry University. His personal essay in our 50th Reunion yearbook summarizes his life. • After years of struggle with the painful after-effects of cancer, **Rick Murphy** died suddenly of a stroke in late December. Rick is survived by his wife Dr. Janet Hinzman. An innovative, questing man of diverse talents, physical adventurousness, and determined curiosity, Rick was immersed in various X-Game sports well before they were even named or codified. Many of us owe our warm memories of those raucous '60s dance parties to Rick and his band, the Outlaws, and later the Arthur M. Brown Memorial Swimming Pool, with singers and sidemen John Allen '68, Andrew Marks '66, Brooks Heaton '66, Jeff Danner '68, Ken Post '69, Bob Kelman '68, and **Charlie Tilford**. Charlie remembers, "We met in the fall of 1963, both going into Starr dormitory; Rick with his Wurlitzer electric piano, me with my Fender Jazz bass. My white bass looked too much like a toilet seat, so we took it completely apart, sanded it down, and took it to Brush Motors, the local Ford dealer, who put on four coats of primer and twelve coats of '57 DeSoto Matador Red Metallic paint. Fifty-seven years later it's worth $10K less than in original condition, but I don't regret it for a minute. I learned a lot musically from Rick and was often blown away by his prowess—one hand on the piano, one on the Hammond organ, feet on the pedals, and singing backup." Yes, Rick was always hard at his melodic work while the rest of us whirled and boogied, laughed and sweated late—oh so happily late—into those cold Vermont nights. We thank you for those wonderful times, Rick. RIP.

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James Barnes reports that after our 50th he unretired and began administering a federal housing grant based in Malden, Mass., for a consortium of eight communities north of Boston. This program was very adaptable to working from home, so he has kept busy and productive during this crazy time, although after nearly three years, with six developments successfully underway or completed, he plans to give retirement another try. • **Ben Gregg** says for the first time in 10 years, he and his wife Susan drove to Kansas to visit daughter Sara '97, who moved to Lawrence, Kan., to teach environmental history at the Univ. of Kansas. "We had flown many times, but in this day of COVID, personal automobile travel seemed safer than sitting next to other folks for a few hours on an airplane! One challenge: travel was via Susan's new Audi e-tron, with its 200-mile range before MANDATORY recharging, thus, very careful orienteering directly to the next rapid recharging station took place. Rapid ones recharge in 45 minutes, while slow ones take overnight! We also discovered in December that electric car batteries have less efficient charging in cold weather, cutting your 200 miles to merely 170 or so, making arriving at recharging sometimes even almost gut-wrenching! Good news: no dead-in-the-water situations on the road, and a summer visit and pre-Christmas visit with 11-year-old grandson and nine-year-old granddaughter were life-recharging!" • **Dan Curry** writes, "I am working with a writer and producers on a limited series based on an adventure story I developed, set in the Java Sea in the late 1800s. Two other projects in the works are a series set in an orbiting hotel, and another a family story about asteroid mining. I am also on the board of a new company developing a virtual stage with cutting edge technology in Vancouver. I recently spoke with **Jim Trombetta**, who is doing well." • **Linda Mason-Smith** sent news from Middlebury in early September: "The College will begin classes tomorrow after two weeks of quarantine and two rounds of tests for all approximately 2,200 students. As of today, two students are in isolation, having tested positive, and their cases are connected. For now, the campus continues to be closed to all visitors. Security guards sit along many routes in and out of town, acting as a deterrent to students wanting to be off campus, or vice versa. The latest report said there have been some dismissals for noncompliance, but the vast majority of students are fully cooperative. Fingers crossed Middlebury will become the model for other colleges. They are making a valiant effort!" • **Nancy Brooks Richardson** adds a note about the pandemic: "Our three daughters, their husbands/significant others, and nine grandchildren are thriving in spite of these weird times. They are spread out from the Netherlands to Virginia, South Africa, and Middlesex, Conn." • **Peter Knobler** has added another title to his long string of marvelous books. His collaboration with former NYPD, LAPD, and Boston Police Department Commissioner Bill Bratton, *The Profession: A Memoir of Community, Race, and the Arc of Policing in America*, is scheduled for publication in June 2021 by Penguin Random House. Peter previously cowrote Bratton's 1998 autobiography, *Turnaround*. Peter also reports, "Among the people I get in touch

with every once in a while, just to make sure they're still alive, are **Ed Goldberg**, **Joe Patute**, and **Dan Curry**. Fortunately, they pick up the phone/answer the email/text back. I so rarely see them, but I think of all three with 50 years of fondness. I think of that as the lasting legacy of Middlebury." • **Steve Limon** reports, "Toward the end of November, I retired from the Suffolk County (Boston) Juvenile Court after 26 years on the bench when my last trial concluded. I will continue to teach in two Boston law schools. Looking forward to having more time to paint, sail, and get re-involved with politics. When travel and personal contact is safe again, I will add traveling to my list, and will welcome visits from classmates coming to or near the Boston/Marblehead/North Shore area." As reported in the *Marblehead Reporter* in November, Steve was asked to be the featured artist and paint a full-size watercolor to be sold at the Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor's annual gala fundraising event. The beautiful piece was sold at the virtual event attended by many colleagues, friends, and classmates from the 1964 graduating class from Marblehead High School. • We are sorry to share the news of two classmates' deaths. **Janet Harris Warren** passed away in November 2020 of cancer. After graduating from Middlebury, Janet married **William Warren** and spent the rest of her life living near Middlebury, with a long tenure at the original Vermont Book Shop. **Steve Orndorf** passed away in July 2020. Steve was very active in the Napa, Calif., community during his 39 years there. Two of his greatest passions were fishing the jungles of South America and helping others. We invite any classmates to share personal stories or memories of Janet and Steve in the next issue of the class notes. • Please contact Gail or Tobi to share your "pandemic" lives, things you have learned and appreciated. We can all learn from one another!

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At least one of your correspondents (myself, **Anne**) seems to have been done in by Pandemic Paralysis—so much time to do things that little gets done. It has been so wonderful to be in touch with numerous classmates, all of whom are meeting the challenges of isolation, appliance breakdowns, variations in vaccine rollout across the states, extreme weather events, etc., with many jigsaw puzzles, much time outdoors, and some excellent reading and streaming. By the time these notes come out, I hope the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel will be blinding! • A few tidbits about classmates on the move: **Wally** and **Gwyneth Hill Beagley** have sorted through 40+ years of accumulated 'treasures' to make the move from Michigan to Ferrisburg, Vt. • **Wendy Cole** sold her Park City, Utah, home in January, drove south to Tucson, Ariz., and bought a house in the foothills. She and **Jill Woodman Sisson** were able to meet up for a good canyon hike together. • **Betsy Taylor** has been grateful that they made the move to the Havenwood Heritage Heights retirement community in Concord, N.H., before all this began. • **Doug** and **Karen Grose Way** were so taken with Middlebury at the time of our Reunion, that they bought land, built a house, and sold their home in New Jersey to move back! • We conclude with the very sad news of the death of our classmate, **Hattie Arnone**, and with remembrances contributed by waitressing buddies and Homestead comrades **Deborah Burgstaller Hunt**, **Susie Cummings Goodin**, and **Jackie Burke.** Hattie was a remarkable person—devoted wife, mother, grandmother, consummate and admired professional, and cherished friend. It was perhaps surprising that she chose Middlebury—she was a city girl, having grown up on Long Island and living most of her adult life in Manhattan, working and raising her sons there. So those of us who met her freshman year and maintained a friendship over the many years since Middlebury are very lucky that she chose to sojourn for four years in the wilderness of Addison County. We remember at Midd the dance routine she and the late **Karen Nicewonger Weiss** did freshman year for "Stop in the Name of Love"; the way they ran the junior women's Forest Hall dining room with humor and steely spines; and how at the Homestead Hattie encouraged branching out to cook something other than scrambled eggs and cottage cheese. In subsequent years, wonderful memories were made of splendid times in the city with her, roaming through museums, enjoying delicious and sometimes exotic cuisines at her favorite restaurants, toasting with glasses of champagne one memorable evening on the rooftop of her apartment building. Her unwavering generosity of spirit and dependable love of a good time enriched the lives of everyone who knew her, right through laughing and dancing with deep camaraderie at our 50th Reunion. Blessed in her friendship, we all are deeply saddened by her death. • We also extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to **Jeffrey Brown**. On April 1, he lost his longtime partner, Kate Hays, after a valiant bout with leukemia.

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REUNION CLASS Oh, well. We'll do the best we can in June with a virtual Reunion and await the day when we can gather in person. We hope that by now nearly all of us are fully vaxxed and edging in the general direction of normal, whatever that turns out to mean. A long, strange trip it's been, eh? • On with the news. **Agnes "Nancy" Charlesworth** reports in from Kittery, Maine: "At the time the invitations to write our bios went out, I was overwhelmed with the horrific state of our country and didn't have the focus to review my life for our yearbook. I'm sorry I didn't and am grateful to all who took the time to write in. I am well and doing much the same thing I was doing when I reported in a few years ago. I still teach music, play keyboards in several live situations, and get occasional commissions to write original music, help grow a school in Haiti, read, write, dream up philosophical theories, and try to keep learning. I've been using Zoom this year but am slowly getting back to working in person on all fronts. Maine has been a wonderful place to be during the pandemic. Folks are respectful, keeping masks on and social distancing. Mainers maintain a certain pride in being tough about things, so we have continued to socialize outdoors all winter. My book group met almost every month as did my singing group, and walking with friends as a way to stay in touch has happened several times a week throughout the whole past year. On the more interior realm, I have found hitting the seven-oh mark to be quite an interesting shift. It's as if our generation were young young young until suddenly we were on our way to being old people and skipped middle age altogether. And more profoundly, I've begun to see vestiges of the end on the horizon, whereas all the rest of our lives it's been somewhere over the edge, in some invisible infinity. I was pretty shocked at how many in our class have already moved on to another realm and of course feel enormously grateful to still be here writing to you who are also still here writing to me. It begins to feel somewhat of a miracle when you know a contemporary intimately who is gone, and you are still breathing fresh air and marveling at the daffodils coming up." • **Karen Lindsay Palmer** writes to us from Natick, Mass.: "After a year under COVID-imposed house arrest, my husband, Tom, and I are very glad our new house has home-office space for each of us, as we're both still working. Our daughter Rosie's summer 2020 wedding, like so many others, had to be postponed, but we're looking forward to that in August, as well as to a rail trip across Canada in September. Like everyone else, I'm disappointed that our on-campus Reunion had to be canceled, but plans for our virtual Reunion are moving ahead quickly. I joined the Class of '71 Survey Committee when my dear friend **Sandy Neily** had to drop out due to impending publisher's deadlines on her next book. I don't think my fellow committee members, **Grove Nichols** and **Hector Griswold**, knew quite what to make of me when I showed up with a steady stream of new survey questions I'd made up, in addition to some strong opinions. (Although you'd think they'd have been prepared,

with Sandy as my predecessor.) Grove and Hector probably now have dartboards with my picture pasted squarely in the center of them, but we've proven to be a great team. I'm grateful for the chance to get to know both these wonderful men, neither of whom I knew when we were students, and to work side by side with them. Grove, with all his CEO experience, makes the perfect committee chairman, and Hector's insights are always spot-on. Our class survey, sent out via email (with a live link) around the end of April, is one that we hope everyone will find fun and easy to complete. Grove, Hector, and I are scheduled to present the tabulated results (all completely anonymous) in a Zoom presentation on Monday, June 7, as part of our (virtual) Reunion at Home, June 7–12." • From Flemington, N.J., **Marian van Buren** reports: "I'm still up to my elbows in mud. The pandemic has given me an unexpected opportunity to experiment with form and glaze, as art fairs have evaporated, leaving me with ample time to explore new options. If I kept my website up to date, you could see where I'm wandering, but I find that after a full professional life in the world of computers, spending time in front of a computer screen has limited appeal. Or maybe I'm just lazy. An added delight is teaching. Once the lockdown was lifted, I could again take up my position teaching ceramics at a local studio. There's nothing more satisfying, if not exhilarating, about passing on a passion, watching sparks of comprehension and nascent skill flicker into what I hope will become a perpetual flame. Joy shared; what could be better?" • Sadly, we learned of the deaths of some classmates in recent months. Quoting from her obituary: "**Madeline Neilson Rockwell** passed away peacefully on March 4, 2021, in the home she designed for her family and lived in for nearly 40 years, surrounded by her daughters, Katherine MacLauchlan and Susan Rockwell, and her husband of nearly 50 years, **Charlie Rockwell**. Her passing followed a vigorous but short battle with cancer." We remember Madeline as an athlete and an adventurer who loved skiing and horseback riding—a friendly and fearless young woman with a good sense of humor. After Middlebury, she and Charlie—both certified ski instructors—taught skiing at Killington and worked at various jobs during the off seasons; Charlie was the ski school director at the Snow Bowl for the winters of 1973 and 1974. During the first decade of their marriage—quoting Charlie from their joint entry in the Reunion yearbook—"Madeline and I raced our dirt bikes almost every weekend throughout New England. It was a wonderful time!" Their girls were born in 1983 (Katherine) and 1986 (Susan), and Madeline homeschooled them through elementary school. "Their early education at home allowed the family to take advantage of every bluebird day up on the mountain and make time for daily trail rides on the horses, while still instilling a love of reading and learning. Madeline dedicated much of her time to helping others. She cofounded Vermont Reading Partners to combat adult illiteracy, dedicated months of each summer processing and organizing the race entries for the Susan G. Komen Vermont New Hampshire Race for the Cure, and ensured the survival of and access to the amazing property at Merck Forest and Farmland Center as a board member. Her most recent passion was volunteering with the Bart Adaptive Sports Center, both on the slopes and as a board member. Broadening her lifelong passion of teaching skiing to include students with different physical and emotional needs challenged and fulfilled her. The family hopes you will think of Madeline the next time you hit the slopes, take a ride (horse, motorcycle, or vehicle of choice), or take a walk in the woods—all things that brought her great joy." • **Peter Wheelock** died on January 19 from complications of COVID-19 and Alzheimer's disease. Peter grew up in Newton, Mass. From a young age, he was drawn to oceans and mountains, which he explored by sailing, hiking in all seasons, and backcountry skiing. He overcame early challenges with dyslexia to become an avid reader of books and news sources, including the *Boston Globe*, which he read in full each morning. After graduating from Middlebury with a major in geological sciences, Peter worked on the ski patrol for a couple of years in New Mexico. He then went to the University of Massachusetts, where he earned a degree in structural engineering with high honors. He worked as an engineer for Weidlinger Associates in Boston for 35 years, where he formed many friendships. His friends there remember him as a great engineer and a kind and gentle man who mentored others. One longtime colleague wrote: "I enjoyed skiing, hiking, and sailing with Peter, our colleagues, and his family on several occasions. It was clear that while he lived and worked in the city, his natural environment was the great outdoors." Most of all, Peter was a devoted family man, a team player in family gatherings, a giving and supportive husband, and a proud father of his daughter, Alyse. Peter is missed by his wife Susan Dutt Wheelock, his daughter Dr. Alyse Berk Wheelock, and many family, friends and neighbors. • **Alice Horton Perry**, compassionate teacher, mentor, and friend, died on June 30, 2020. Born in Bethesda, Md., she graduated with honors from Middlebury and Columbia University. She went on to teach English at Milton Academy, Albuquerque Academy, and Sandia Preparatory School, and retired as department chair. She found meaning in literature, a game of bridge, and solitude. She was beloved by students, faculty, and friends alike, and will live on in the lives she changed. • **Larry Dixon,** of Port Hardy, British Columbia, died of cancer on September 10, 2020. In the 50th Reunion yearbook, **Brian Iggulden** wrote, "At Middlebury, Larry was an exceptionally talented hockey player who was named All-State his junior year, having set a Division II scoring record for defensemen. He is remembered fondly as a unique man, loyal to his teammates, possessing an irreverent sense of humor that delighted all, even those victimized by his pranks." Born in Montreal, Larry worked in a variety of fields, retiring as an employment counselor in Alberta, according to his published obituary.

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Pam Basamania Marsh recently left a Boston firm and is practicing in an "of counsel" relationship on Cape Cod while winding down her law practice. Her practice has involved a significant amount of trust and estate planning with the older demographic on the Cape, but she still does a lot of civil litigation, including psychiatric commitments for the local community hospital and some municipal law for a town water district and nonprofit Conservation Foundation. She and her sailing partner have sailed from Maine, back and forth from the islands off the Cape, on the Intra-Coastal Waterway along the Atlantic, and in the Bahamas. A couple of years ago she hiked down and back up the Grand Canyon, but this year she's scheduled for a knee replacement. She relishes time spent with her three grandchildren. She is planning belated 70th birthday get-togethers with fellow '72 classmates **Cynthia Uppendahl Marsh**, **Cherie Castiglione**, **Ida Miller Ayala**, **Dawn MacPhee**, and **Jan Halstead Franklin**. They see each other periodically at Pam's second home in Stowe, Vt., and on the Cape. • We have received news of the passing of two classmates. **Bob Johnsen** passed away in Sarasota, Fla., on May 15, 2020. He graduated with a law degree in 1975 from the College of William and Mary and opened a law practice in North Carolina in 1987. He particularly loved boating, scuba diving, and spending days searching for oysters and clams for his family. He was known for his "wicked" sense of humor and devotion to those closest to him. • **Verne Evans** passed away on January 15. Verne was a native New Yorker growing up in the Bronx. He graduated from Middlebury with a degree in philosophy and managed the football team. Verne DJ'd at the school radio station and drove a cab in NYC during the breaks from school and lived to tell about it. Verne met his wife Nellie Perez '75 at Middlebury, and they were married 43 years. They lived in New Jersey, where his son Chris was born and in Colorado during his long career in pharmacology distribution finally retiring to South Portland, Maine. Verne had a lifelong fascination with things that moved and finally fulfilled a dream to build a model train layout. A remark from his obituary: "Whenever you hear a train or train whistle in the distance, may it evoke a wonderful memory of Verne."

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Hard year—we lost another classmate, **John Coleman**, in January, to cancer. Our sympathies go to all his friends and family; you can find John's obituary on our class Facebook page. • We did receive some good news from our former faithful Florida correspondent, **Joe Bergin**, who made some geographic changes due to the pandemic: "With too many maskless folks traipsing around town and still homesick for New England after several years as Robinson Crusoe in Florida, I powered up 95 in the teeth of the plague, fully loaded with container pod to follow. I will never forget the sweet perfumed woodlands off the Merritt Parkway as I cruised through Connecticut. I'm just finishing *Our Small Boat: Poems, Stories & Photos from the Great Pandemic* with an introduction by Boston Laureate Emerita Danielle L. Georges. Back in New England I've become a Melville devotee, visiting his farm and museum in Pittsfield, Mass., where classmate **Dean Nikitas** was a docent and still resides." Joe is now our faithful Massachusetts correspondent, and we look forward to reading his second book of poetry. • Other classmates are also taking this pandemic time to write. Congratulations to **Deborah Schneider Greenhut**, whose debut novel, *The Hoarder's Wife*, is set to be published by Woodhall Press in October 2021. Her thoughts: "While I started seriously working on this novel in 2019, before the pandemic was a gleam in anyone's eye, the pressure of writing about hoarding and disorder during this excruciating year of living too close to all of my accumulated stuff, has made it even more meaningful as I've had to confront psychic and literal baggage along the way in bouncing around my smaller, but cleaner house. Social distancing and limited spaces have given new meaning to the life questions I had to answer. It isn't so much a question of whether you have what you want, but rather, 'Do you want what you have?'" • **Bill Holland** writes, "I started developing a screenplay about the WWII U.S. 10th Mountain Division over 20 years ago. (Our dean of Admissions back in our day—Fred Neuberger—was a veteran of the 10th.) It's evolved over the years to include the story of an Austrian ski trooper and has made it to the finals of various screenwriting contests. In the spring of 2019, my wife and youngest daughter accompanied me in climbing Riva Ridge in the North Apennines where much of the action takes place. I'm currently writing a coming-of-age story set at a summer camp I attended for five years." • **Brendan Buckley**, recently retired from his primary care medical practice, is at work on a biography of Dave Morse, a Vermont sportswriter. For 20 years Morse wrote for the *Hardwick Gazette*, in the town where Brendan practiced for 34 years. Long before, during our college years, Morse had been sports editor for the *Rutland Herald*, in which role he had covered many Middlebury events. • **Vikki Nicolson Henderson** continues to paint and antique in Lake Worth Beach, Fla., and plans a trip, all things being equal, to a château in Bordeaux this summer to attend a nephew's wedding and brush up on her already formidable French. • **Gary Johnson** has scribed 175 memories for his children, completing one a night while spending his days outdoors on a bike or in a canoe in Hawaii. They range from family history to his childhood to dating and early marriage stories, and he "didn't hesitate to throw in a few history lessons." He also wrote up a grand report of a virtual reunion which took place in January: "What started as a Zoom call between three of us has expanded to include eight protégés of John Bower '63 from the Nordic ski team and the track and cross-country teams. **Dag Berntsen**, **Brendan Buckley**, John Estle '74, **Jon Hird**, **Bill Holland**, Dave Lantz '74 and Joe McNulty '72 joined me on Zoom. We called in from Norway, Vermont, Fairbanks, Providence, Boulder, New Hampshire, Seattle, and Hawaii. Among us we have a jeweler, a country doctor, a couple of teachers, a member of the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame, a consultant to the giants of industry, a college coaching legend, a scriptwriter, and a carpenter. Dag shared a picture he has of all of us and the rest of the cross-country team from 1970. More than half of us have been married for upward of 40 years—the others took a bit longer to get their skis in the tracks. We have children ranging in age from 46 to sixteen. Five in the group are still skiing (seriously!). I think only one of us still goes out for a run. And some are still racing! Dag is in his 45th year of teaching, Dave still owns Harrington Jewelers, COVID has shut down John's timing and race organizing business, and the rest of us have retired. Seven of us have spent many, many years coaching ski teams, track and cross-country teams, and soccer teams. When you have been on a good team, you are the product of many coaches, and so we left Midd with a good foundation and perspective. In our recent conversations, we found out that some of us barely made it through the academic rigors of Midd, and we all agreed that it would be a stretch to think that any of us would meet Midd's admission standards today. We all came from very different backgrounds, but as a member of these teams, we shaped a lasting identity. Our conversations have been a reminder of what drew me to sports in the first place: the necessity of daily challenges, the grace derived from strength and technique, the community of like-minded seekers, the thrill of the imagination, the moments in time like no other, and the flow of story and memory. In a different way from academics, sport was a gift, like the clear air and the views from the trails at Bread Loaf. We breathed it in, and have been breathing it in and exhaling it ever since. Our conversations still have the feel of riding in the team van to a race somewhere in New England, as if almost 50 years hadn't passed in between." I (**Lindy**) had the good fortune of tagging on to this Zoom call, invited because I'm one of the "old farts still skiing," even though I wasn't on this cool team and only galumphed around the campus fields on the skinny skis. Addendum—in February the Ski Team Zoom meeting returned, this time including more skiers: **Mike Schoenfeld**, Peter Wiswell '74, and Katie Tobey '76. Oh, the stories! It really is a testament to the lasting power of friendships forged through team sports. The pandemic is not stopping Midd classmates from gathering! And what a wonderful lead-up to our 50th Reunion—in only two years! • Let us know how you've been keeping in touch and what stories-memories-updates you have to share and keep healthy! *—Class Correspondents: Lisa Donati Mayer (ldmayer@aol.com); Lindy Osterland Sargent (davelindysarg@gmail.com).*

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When I (**Barry**) reached out to a number of classmates back in mid-January to ask what they'd been up to during the pandemic, **John Duncan** replied from his home in Maine, "I have walked more, played tennis (and stretched a lot!), played Scrabble and chess via cell phone, and Zoomed. Two volunteer efforts have kept me in touch with many members of my church. The first is managing a year-round church fundraiser: our regional grocery store chain gives the church 5 percent of what members spend at their stores. We earned $8,000 in 2020—a big jump from the past because we all ate at home so much more. The second effort is our church choir recording 25 anthems and hymns in 2020 via an app called Acapella. Our singing is incorporated into our recorded online worship services. We each sing into our cell phones at home and upload our contributions to the Acapella website. (We are also lucky to have an audio engineer in the choir who smooths out the rough edges for the final product.) Since we haven't sung in public in a long time, we do not use the video function so we can relax as we sing. This adapted singing process has been very satisfying as music makes the world go round!" • Two other Mainers, **Chuck** and **Diane Dellamano Brakeley**, in Cape Elizabeth, have spent much of the pandemic writing. They produced a book, printed for family only, which is about the Brakeley Canning Company, founded in 1869 in Bordentown, N.J., by Chuck's second great-grandfather. Chuck's father worked there before he started his job at Middlebury College. Chuck and Diane were able to find 33 of the original canning labels, several old patents and trademarks, and some great old family photos. As if one book weren't enough, Diane and a friend wrote a booklet that "created a walking tour through Cape Elizabeth following the trolley line that used to exist here. The trolley took people from the city of Portland to a theater and casino on the beach. We felt the walking tour would be a fun activity that families could do safely outside during COVID. Selling it raised money for our local historical society. Funny—two math majors writing books! Who would have thought!" • **Ross Eisenbrey** wrote from Washington, D.C., "My family and I spent a glorious late-spring, summer, and autumn 2020 in Ripton, while we looked for a house in Vermont. We hiked and fished, swam in

every swimming hole, picked blueberries by the quart, rode bikes, played tennis with old friends, like **Greg Dennis**, and with new friends, too. In October, we bought a beautiful house in Sudbury, about 25 minutes from the College. We stayed there until New Year's and then returned to our apartment in D.C., just in time for the horror of the riots and attempted coup. I had worked for many years as a congressional staffer on both the House and Senate sides, so the images of armed thugs roaming the leaders' offices and rampaging on the House and Senate floors were truly shocking—as were the videos of Trumpists beating and even killing Capitol police officers. But now, two weeks later, what a joy and relief to have watched yesterday's beautiful, peaceful inauguration ceremonies and to rejoice in the poetry of Amanda Gorman! Newly vaccinated and Trump-free, I'm feeling very hopeful and optimistic about the next few years. I look forward to spending a lot of time in and around central Vermont, a heavenly, peaceful place that is just as lovely as it was 50 years ago when we were freshmen. Let me close with a shout-out to Middlebury College's Bill McKibben and to Greg Dennis, for all their work on climate change." • **Katy Kiley** chimed in from Cincinnati that although there have been significant numbers of COVID-19 infections in her area, she's very grateful that no one close to her has succumbed. Katy's husband is still practicing medicine and "thankfully he will receive his second dose of the Moderna vaccine by the time this note appears. He knows firsthand the current stress and failings in the healthcare system." Katy, no longer in clinical practice, says she was able to resume teaching a class for first- and second-year medical students at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in a combination of virtual and in-person sessions. • When the pandemic started, **Bob Mauro** had the great idea of hosting a monthly virtual Happy Hour with a group of other Midd '74s. I have been part of some of these along with regulars **Dan Flanagan**, **Greg Dennis**, **Mary Lee-Clark**, **Alan Levy**, **Nat Forbes**, **Peter Worthington**, **Tom Lynch**, **Mark Patinkin**, **Nick Bogert**, and **Katy Kiley.** The conversation often ends up focusing on COVID and politics—how could it not? People describe what's happening in their states and communities; having views from around the country adds a great dimension to the discussion. I'm sure many of the rest of you use FaceTime and Zoom to connect with family and friends. Who else is connecting regularly with a group of classmates? Is it a group who used to connect in person frequently or, like Bob's group, is it composed of classmates who only got together at Reunions? It'd be really interesting to know.
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Laurie Ellis Bruckmann writes, "The lockdown has taught me how important old friends are. We recently moved to Naples, Fla., from New York City and are still going through an adjustment period. Any alums passing through town are most welcome to call—we are fully vaccinated. We are selling our home on Perry Street in NYC and will spend more time in Vermont with our three grandchildren. I continue to paint dog portraits (brushandbone.com) and send my warmest greetings to the Midd Tribe!" • **Richard Jurmain** sent an update on his life: "I'm retired and living on St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands. I'm on my fifth career at last count, but the day is young. I sold my company to the employees, so it's 100 percent employee owned. I've jumped to the next ice floe. I now write funny sci-fi novels while lounging on the beach. Nice office, good hours, and I love writing, but the pay stinks. I self-published my first novel, *Apocalypse du Jour*, which sold maybe 20 copies in the past two years. I'm now working on the sequel. Yeah, I know: more guts than brains. Anyone know a good book agent, preferably desperate with low standards? Hey, don't snort. It works. That's how I got my wife. When we met, she was a brilliant goddess with an aging biological clock and desperately low standards. I loved being a trophy hubby and pet boy toy (her words). Cancer killed her five years ago. Cancer sucks. I promised my kids that, if I trip over another goddess, I'll feign captivating charm, or at least brush the cookie crumbs off my stained and torn shirt. Meanwhile I'm waiting for Scarlett Johansson to come to her senses. I'll give her another 10 or 20 years. But no more than that!" • **Chris Tower Zafren** reports, "Alaska had a marvelous winter, so I was able to get in lots of skiing, snow biking, and hiking and I raced in the annual Tour of Anchorage cross-country race for 25 kms. Alaska is doing well on the vaccine front—I am thrilled to have received my two doses. The only adventure in the past year was a girlfriends' trip to Maui last January." • **Melissa Blackmer Thyoneus** says, "I recently spent four days in the first city in the world to be lit by atomic power, Arco, Idaho. For one hour on July 17, 1955, it was celebrated as an experiment in the peaceful use of atomic power. They also have a submarine base (I kid you not). Unfortunately, they do not give tours of the base, but they do have the sail of the USS *Hawkbill* in a park downtown. The locals refer to the submarine base as 'the big bathtub.' Idaho is very different from California. They don't wear masks and proudly proclaim that 'you have to die from something.' They are having a resurgence of COVID-19. Other than that I am still in San Diego working as a nurse at a hospital. I look forward to gathering again for our 50th Reunion." • **Tom Plumb** informs us, "I met my fiancée, Kenia, three-and-a-half years ago, through a Facebook friend. She was living near Lake Yojoa in Honduras—where I now live—and she and her 10-year-old adopted son have since moved to Trujillo to live with me. We plan to get married within a few months, and then I will proceed to adopt her son, Oscar. I continue (since 1999) to build schools and water systems as a volunteer for Rotary International (handstohonduras.com) in Trujillo, but plan to move to Lake Yojoa within two years to continue my work there and to be near her family." • **Kathy Brew** writes, "A month after the pandemic lockdown began, on April 14, 2020, I started a daily practice of posting a 'Haiku in Corona Time' along with an image on my Facebook page. As of this writing in March 2021, I'm up to Day 325. I plan to create a book from this material. I've also recently completed a short film, *Following the Thread,* about indigenous weaving communities in the Peruvian Andes that I initially edited during a Fulbright Scholar grant in Peru in 2018. The film was recently given a sneak preview screening in a webinar presented by the nonprofit organization, Andean Textile Arts." • **Jon Lonoff** reports, "I recently Zoom celebrated the first birthdays of my grandniece—Eleanor Lonoff, daughter of nephew David and wife Erin—and my grandnephew, Jay Schirm, son of my niece Julie (Lonoff) and husband John, both Middlebury Class of 2005." Please visit the Middlebury College Class of 1975 Facebook page for pictures of **Jon Lonoff**'s grandnephew in his Midd Class of 2042 T-shirt and of **Bill Kraus** and his partner, Brett. This page has loads of great Midd news of all kinds. Check it out and join. MOST IMPORTANTLY, this page posted the entire ZOOM Reunion on June 12, 2020, at 7:58 p.m. Many thanks to **Gordon Jamieson** for the posting. It was a very special gathering. None of us wanted it to end. Don't miss this! • **Kathi Paton** adds, "Never let it be said our class failed to reunite in the time of COVID! It was my privilege to curate and present several Moth-style stories on the day we were to have gathered in person, June 5, 2020, for our 45th Reunion. With help from **Debbie Costello** and **Gordon Jamieson**, more than 80 classmates connected on Zoom to listen. Friends from Maine to Alaska, and Canada to Honduras, enjoyed the lineup: **Mike Mulligan**, 'There's Something about the Outside of a Horse'; **Kathy Brew**, 'Metropolitan Diary'; **Ralph Gardner**, 'Yale Man'; **Tony MacDonald**, 'Acquainted with the Night'; **Laurie Bruckmann**, 'A Double Life'; **Tom Plumb**, 'Life as a Lark'; **Kevin Donahue**, 'Firsts.' A lively chat followed, and a fine time was had by all."
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REUNION CLASS We've had news that Dr. **Scott Whittemore** received the University of Louisville's 2020 Distinguished Faculty Award in Outstanding Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity in Career Achievement. Scott's post-Midd résumé includes a PhD from UVM in physiology and biophysics, postdoc fellowships in neurochemistry and molecular biology, and a position as a founding scientist of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. After 12 years at Miami, where he rose to the rank of full professor, he was recruited to the University of Louisville in 1998, in the

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Department of Neurological Surgery as the Henry D. and Marianna Garretson Endowed Professor of Spinal Cord Injury Research as well as Distinguished University Scholar. Scott is also the founding director of the Kentucky Spinal Cord Injury Research Center, a position he still holds. He has mentored numerous graduate and undergraduate and summer medical students. The success of those trainees after they left his laboratory is the accomplishment he is most proud of. Congratulations, Scott! • Word came from **Holly Domenie Adams** about how she spent her COVID time this year. She decided to retire, and she was so glad she did, though plans changed: "I had no official send-off. The day of my retirement party, my employer, Janssen, closed. Shortly thereafter, all my planned special trips were canceled. To add insult to injury, I couldn't even hike locally. All the state parks closed! That's when I discovered the Plainsboro Preserve and spent much of the spring photographing in fascination fiddleheads slowly unfurling, pileated woodpeckers hunting, and the circular impressions in the lake bottom left by spawning fish. Later in the spring, as areas reopened, I started venturing out with small groups of friends. We hiked the Lehigh Valley, often bushwhacking and rock-scrambling our way past ruins of former coal mining and railway ventures to incredible views. We also returned to the Standing Stone Trail in Pennsylvania, the White Mountains in New Hampshire, and the Adirondacks in New York to hike many familiar trails and to discover new ones. Though my gym was closed, I swam in a mountain lake in Harriman State Park and in four lakes along the Blue Mountain Trail in the Delaware Water Gap. My original trips would have been spectacular, but this year I've discovered beautiful spots close to home. When I miss what might have been, I just recall the mantra I repeated two weeks ago when abandoning the summit of Ampersand Mountain in Saranac Lake due to gale force winds and stinging rain: 'The mountains will be there next year. Make sure you are.'" • Lots of happenings with **Bill** and **Sue Lewellen LeFeber**! "We have a new grandson, Alden Barlow Schneider, born March 24, 2020, to daughter Carrie '04 and Elliott Schneider. We have yet to hold him due to COVID! He and our granddaughter Ellie (5) are really enjoying each other. Ellie is in virtual kindergarten and loves learning. She is hooked on everything outer space and still has boundless energy and creativity! Bill retired on December 1, 2020. It had been a great run for 36 years of dermatology practice and five years as a resident taking care of patients. After 41 years of compassionate care with a healthy dose of humor (the Irreverent Dr. LeFeber vs. Sue the Reverend Dr. LeFeber—hey, we're Midd grads!), Bill was getting tired and burned out, called 'compassion fatigue,' so it was time to move on. It has been emotional saying good-bye to patients he has had for 20–30 years—bittersweet! There was no party, and no grand vacation, but he is enjoying getting up an hour later and not being beholden to the clock. Every day is Blursday!" Bill already misses his amazing colleagues and wonderful patients but is satisfied that they will still be in good hands, and he has many projects and new directions to take. The Rev. Dr. Sue will continue on the faculty at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary with her ministry, teaching and mentoring student pastors as they continue to grow working toward their MDiv degree. "We can hardly wait until it's safe to visit family and friends again." • And speaking of seeing friends again, stay tuned for news about our virtual Reunion in June! • Lastly, a note from your class correspondents **Delia Walch Mohlie** and **Sue Lewellen LeFeber**: We have gathered news since our last Middlebury Reunion in 2016 and feel it is time for someone else with new classmate connections to give this a try. We will be stepping down as of this June and hope some reader(s) will let us know they will step up to volunteer. In the meantime, please email us and keep sending your news our way. Thanks to all who have shared updates; classmates tell us they appreciate the news.

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I was heartened by news from classmates who are starting to reschedule events and activities from 2020 that were delayed due to the virus—weddings, anniversaries, retirement parties, special trips, first visits with grandchildren, etc. Being part Irish and fairly superstitious, I have decided to wait to share such news until after the events have actually occurred—no point in jinxing any classmates or their families. However, if you've already completed such a milestone, please feel free to share so we can all celebrate the gradual return of some normalcy together. And any "new news" going forward is certainly welcome. Carol and I have had our two shots each (not the fun birthday kind) and have started to spoil our children again by watching our grandchildren in person (not going to miss Zoom). Hopefully, your worlds are moving in a similar direction. Stay well, and please share the victories as they come.

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Please send us news of what you have been up to. We hope you are well!

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Frank DeLuca is living in Boston's South End after more than two decades in Topsfield, Mass., on the North Shore. He has three adult children. • Last March, **Dana Yeaton**, professor of theatre, and actor-playwright Cole Merrell '21 started writing a play together. Their inspiration was the legendary teacher-student relationship between Aristotle and Alexander the Great. On March 23 they presented a performance of excerpts from the play, directed by Michole Biancosino '98, assistant professor of theatre.

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REUNION CLASS It's our 40th coming up in June—please join us virtually during the week of June 8–13 for fun events. We have a Middlebury Class of '81 Facebook page where we'll keep you up-to-date with classmates near and far. • Here is quick update for the Class of '81 folks from **Bob Boissy**: "I work as the director of account development for Springer Nature, helping academic, government, and corporate libraries, mostly in the U.S. Northeast. And yes, I have visited the good people at the Davis Family Library at Midd on occasion. Some might know us as the people who publish the journals *Nature* and *Scientific American,* among many others. My three children, Laura, Libby, and James are all healthy and working. My wife, Kathy, is a high school librarian who has been working on location at her school, despite the pandemic, since October 2020. We live in southeastern Massachusetts a few miles from Gillette Stadium, and I keep hoping the New England Revolution soccer team will have a breakthrough year. I am proud to interview about 10 prospective Midd students a year in the Alumni Admissions Program." • **Dan Bailey** reports, "After graduation I worked as a geologist for an oil company in San Francisco for a few years; found that I was better at being an advocate on scientific matters than I was as a scientist; decided to go to law school; and have practiced environmental and land-use law in Boston for the last 33 years, now working at Pierce Atwood. Most of my work is commercial real estate development, although I also do a lot of land-use work on the Cape and Islands, especially on Nantucket." • **Tyrone Wilson**'s acting

career with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival this past season was put on hold. He likens this to what happened to Shakespeare's theater—the plague. He's confident that the play will go on and come back stronger than ever. After majoring in theater at Middlebury he went on to get an MFA at Yale and has performed with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival for the past 26 years. He has combined his acting with teaching at Southern Oregon Univ., directing at both the Oregon Conservatory of Performing Arts and for its online program, and directing at local high schools and doing many volunteer activities. In his spare time, he can be found outdoors hiking.
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Jon Warner writes, "My update is that after 24 years, JP Warner Associates has been acquired by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. The three-fold rationale includes a trend in benefits brokerage and consulting where employers are more comfortable hiring larger firms; couple that with grown children having other interests, including chemistry, tech (Tableau), and music; and probably most important is the excitement I have to convince employees to accept reasonable risk and build savings for future healthcare needs. Gallagher understands we have a successful strategy that has continued to be embraced again and again for more than a decade when we meet with decision makers. And I still own HRAdministrators, a specialty-claims processing company, which is fundamental solution success. My wife, Vicki, is feeling great after eliminating gluten and dairy. Kids Abby and JP continue to earn promotions, and Maddie, our chemistry major senior at Georgetown, is going to apply to the Middlebury Institute in Monterey, Calif., for graduate studies." • **Jane Trawicki Hanlon** writes, "We recently moved to Golden, Colo., to retire. We have a beautiful home right on North Table Mountain and would love visitors—once travel becomes normal again. Last year was full of driving trips from Texas to D.C. and Colorado to see pregnant children and then to welcome grandchildren. Madison Rose was born in October in D.C. and Zane Powell in November in Denver. We had no-fly rules because of COVID but that did not stop me! Grandparenting is fabulous. We are looking forward to an active retirement as we take advantage of all the wonderful things Colorado has to offer." • **Larkin McPhee Perese** writes, "I have exciting news to share! My documentary *Fighting for Fertility* aired on PBS as part of the NOVA Science Series on May 12. When COVID forced us to shut down production last March, it was unclear if we would be able to make this film in time for its original broadcast date. Fortunately, technology came to the rescue, allowing me and my team to interface from afar with a number of our participants in their living rooms and offices! If

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Kirk Combe (MA '80) has published the book *Speculative Satire in Contemporary Literature and Film: Rant Against the Regime* (Routledge Studies in Speculative Fiction; London: Routledge, 2021). After 30 years of teaching, Kirk will be retiring from Denison University in Ohio and moving to the Sacramento, Calif., area. • The spring edition of *Ploughshares* was recently released and "Driving Past the Properties I Landscaped as a Teenager" and "Fish Brook," both by **Ralph Sneedon** (MA '92), are being published in the issue. Ralph has published his essays and poems in several magazines and the title poem from his book, *Evidence of the Journey*, received the Friends of Literature Prize from *Poetry* magazine. He teaches at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and has been a fellow at MacDowell.

BETTY ASHBURY JONES MA '86 SCHOOL OF FRENCH

After moving to Hilton Head, S.C., in 1988, **Ann Graff Eden** (MA '69) got her real estate license in 1989 and has been a Top Producer over the years. She recently joined Re/Max Island Realty after working at other real estate companies in the area. She served for three years on the Hilton Head Board of Realtors as well as several other boards and committees.

ITALIAN SCHOOL

Alani Hicks-Bartlett (DML '08) is a new assistant professor in the departments of comparative literature and French studies at Brown University. She is affiliated with the program in Medieval studies and the Center for the Study of the Early Modern World at the university. • As noted in the winter obituaries, **Edoardo Lebano**, who served as the director of the Italian School from 1987 to 1995, died on November 28, 2020, at the age of 86. Edward C. Knox, director of the Language Schools from 1982 to 1993, writes, "I was greatly saddened to learn of Edoardo's passing. We only saw each other for about seven weeks for each of the summers he directed the Italian School, but there was a strong and immediate bond between us. I was then the director of the Language Schools and the minute he walked into my office, I knew he would be my new Italian director. Lively, dynamic, generous, dedicated. And along with all that, pretty much everyone's favorite uncle, except he was also everyone's favorite cook. His dinners for the Italian School and, of course, the dinners he cooked for our February directors' meetings, are among the fondest memories of my service at Middlebury. He was a model colleague and friend, and I have missed him since the day he left Middlebury."

MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT MONTEREY

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff (MAIPS '92) is the vice president and chief diversity officer at Madison, Wis.-based UW Health. She leads the overall vision, coordination, and strategic leadership for the design and implementation of UW Health's initiatives related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Her work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the 2019–2020 UW Outstanding Women of Color Award. Born in Iran and raised in Spain, she completed her undergraduate studies at the Université du Hainaut, Mons, Belgium. • The Community Foundation of Northern Nevada recently announced that **Lauren Renda** (MAIPS '12) had earned the Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP) professional designation from the Richard D. Irwin Graduate School of the American College of Financial Services. As a philanthropic advisor with the foundation, she advises businesses and individuals with donor-advised funds, manages the foundation's scholarships, and is the philanthropic advisor to several of the foundation's designated charitable funds. • As a Davis Fellow for Peace, **Danika Robison** (MPA '19) documented a story of injustice, unionization, and the hard-fought preservation of a pre-Inca language and culture in Ecuador. The resulting short film, *Kawsakunchik (Our Resistance)*, is an official selection in the Smithsonian's Mother Tongue Film Festival. • We are sad to announce that Dr. **Edgard Coly**, professor emeritus, died on March 19 in Bellingham, Wash., from complications of lymphoma. A dedicated teacher of French language, he is described as a warm-hearted mentor to students from his native Africa. "Monsieur Coly's home became the de facto headquarters for all of us African students at MIIS," said **Maame Afon** (MAIPS '05). I can't count the number of times we gathered at his home to break bread and enjoy fellowship. The first time you are a visitor, but after that you become family." He also shared the love of his culture through his cooking, known especially for his hot pepper sauce (kaany) and maafé. A fun-loving man, he loved the Monterey Jazz Festival and spent many hours listening to jazz and opera. He would often break out in song, and his obituary notes, "He entertained (and embarrassed) his family with his spontaneous dancing." He will be very much missed. An obituary appears at the end of the class notes.

KATHRYN WASSERMAN DAVIS SCHOOL OF RUSSIAN

Congratulations to **Karen Evans-Romaine**, director of the Davis School of Russian from 2003 to 2009, for being honored by the American Assoc. of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages with the AATSEEL award for distinguished service to the profession. She is a professor of Russian in the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison Dept. of German, Nordic, and Slavic. She is also the codirector of the Russian Flagship Program.

you missed it on May 12, the show will run in its entirety on YouTube. Just search NOVA *Fighting for Fertility*. You can also follow NOVA's Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook for additional information, as it is released." Congratulations, Larkin! To learn more about the documentary, check it out at middleburymagazine.com under March/April Editors' Picks.
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REUNION CLASS Congratulations to **Erin Quinn**, who was named a 2020–21 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Division III Athletics Director of the Year as recently announced by the organization. He will be recognized at the 2021 NACDA and Affiliates Virtual Convention, July 27–28. This year, Erin guided the Panthers through many challenging circumstances, including the COVID-19 pandemic. He worked with the COVID-19 Task Force to make safe and thoughtful plans related to student-athletes, including the decision to allow teams to practice throughout the year. Erin also aided with the transformation of Virtue Field House into the College's testing center and developed in-depth plans for the fitness center's reopening, which included a safely spaced cardio area inside the ice hockey arena concourse, a separate weight room for group workouts, and procedures for monitoring and cleaning all spaces. Way to go, EQ! • **Tim Frye** has written a very timely book entitled *Weak Strongman: The Limits of Power in Putin's Russia.* Tim comments, "It's my first book written for a general interest reader rather than an academic audience. I drew a lot on my personal experience in Russia, including stints working for the U.S. government in the Soviet Union in the 1980s, consulting for the Russian SEC in the 1990s, and coheading a research institute in Moscow since 2011. I recount meetings with oligarchs, government officials, and even my experience dodging a KGB honeytrap over 30 years ago. It was a lot of fun to write." Congratulations, Tim! • **Gary Domoracki** sent the news that he and his daughter, Kelsey '15, have joined forces to form their new wealth management practice called the Domoracki Private Client Group at Oppenheimer & Co. in Boston. The Domoracki Private Client Group helps entrepreneurs, business owners, divorcees, executives of public companies, children of wealthy families who want independent guidance from their own advisor, and family offices to preserve and grow their wealth through comprehensive financial planning and wealth management expertise. Gary has 22 years of experience in wealth management and Kelsey is a chartered retirement planning counselor. Check out a photo on page 65!

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88 **Chris** and **Diana Stuart Sinton**'s daughter, Julia, graduated from Middlebury in February (Class of '20.5). It was a pandemic-driven senior year, but the class made it through! Julia received the class's Jason B. Fleishman Award, which is "presented to the student who most embodies the following characteristics of Jason's life as a model Feb at Middlebury: Feb and college pride, academic passion and determination, excellence in leadership and involvement, a positive attitude, and care for others." The Fleishman family created the award in memory of Jason after he passed away suddenly the day after his February 2004 graduation. It is a great honor. Julia is now working at the Boston office of Heidrick & Struggles, an executive search firm. • Sadly, we must report that **Katy Booras Rubarth** passed away on February 4. Katy was the director of communications at St. Mark's School of Texas and in a message to the community, the school said the following: "A naturally creative writer and gifted communicator, Katy was in her element at St. Mark's. With her Middlebury College English degree and grammarian eye always in tow, Katy was a force of nature. She led gracefully, with a determined spirit that lifted and inspired everyone around her. Failure was not part of Katy's vocabulary, as she saw every obstacle and challenge as simply another opportunity. For those of us who had the good fortune to work by Katy's side, we witnessed her infectious wit, her natural charm, her wicked creativity and strength, and most important, her indomitable spirit. Katy's imprint is felt across the St. Mark's campus, as she simply made us better."
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90 It is with such profound sadness that his friends share with the Middlebury family that on March 20 we lost our dear friend and 1990 classmate, Dr. **Stephen Lauterbach**. We all called him something different—"Lauty," "Doctor," "Stevie," or "Stephen,"—because he was so many different things to all of us: classmate, teammate, lab partner, brother, but most importantly a dear friend. Like so many of us, Steve arrived at Middlebury in the fall of 1986. While at least initially anxious, coming from a small town in Upstate New York (New Hartford), he would soon become that guy in Battell North that you just had to meet. And the better you got to know him, the more he'd astound you with his humor, generosity, kindness, humility, and unique wit. Many of us stepped on campus thinking we might want to "be a doctor" without really knowing what that meant until that first 8 a.m. chemistry class clarified that there might be another, easier path. Not Steve. Steve was one of the hardest working people we knew and that was on full display throughout his college career. On Sundays, Steve would slip away to the Science Center—where he'd built even more close relationships with students and faculty alike—then emerge later in the week to entertain so many with his social exuberance. Steve was passionate about learning, and Middlebury challenged him to grow as a student in a multitude of ways. He did not restrict himself to his pre-med curriculum. He consumed it all. Despite his friends' demonstrated disinterest, Steve would go on (and on) about the "Aristeia of Achilles" gleaned from his entry-level classics course. The Middlebury faculty loved him back. His professors heaped praise on Steve for his academic achievement and cherished his enthusiasm and work ethic. Steve was an able contributor to Middlebury's swim and golf teams over his four years. His competitors probably couldn't be blamed for taking one look at Steve, resplendent in his Speedo, and thinking, "That guy may be the most poorly conditioned athlete in the history of intercollegiate swimming." But just like in everything else, you underestimated Steve at your peril. It would make a better story to say that he shattered all the records while at Middlebury but that we're not so sure of: what we do know is in that pursuit—just like every other—he left an indelible mark. However, Steve's greatest accomplishment at Middlebury was the close, lifelong relationships he forged, especially with his fraternity brothers. That was Steve's superpower: wherever he went he struck—almost instantly—deep, enduring friendships with almost anyone without regard to age or station. This is why this loss has left such a deep and seemingly permanent hole in so many of our hearts. After graduating from Middlebury with distinction—"Lauty Cum Laude"—Steve went on to medical school at SUNY-Upstate, a residency at the University of Rochester, and a fellowship at the prestigious Massachusetts General Hospital. Steve leaves behind his son Ted and he was fiercely proud of the man that he has become. He is also survived by his brother Michael '96, sister Ellen, father Richard, and mother Margaret. Rest in Peace, Lauty. To reference your favorite poem, "Jabberwocky," you were truly "brillig," and we miss you now and forever.
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91 **REUNION CLASS** On March 4 **Rob Tod** participated in a panel of alumni called "Pandemic 101 for Businesses," sharing his experience and insight on running a business through an unprecedented pandemic and economic downturn. Moderators were Heidi Howard Allen '99 and Julisa Salas '10; the panel was composed of Natasha Groblewski '09 and Brendan O'Donohoe '99, as well as Rob.
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92 Please send us news about what you have been up to! We'd love to share it with classmates.
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93 *We Run the Tides,* the latest novel by **Vendela Vida**, portrays the tensions and contradictions of adolescent girlhood in a neighborhood of pre-tech San Francisco. It was recently reviewed by NPR and the *New York Times Book Review,* where it was an Editors' Choice.
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94 **Gene Swift** has surprised himself and others by starting a new career as an executive search consultant. Gene joined Sheffield Haworth, a global talent consulting firm headquartered in the UK, as a director in the firm's global banking practice. In his new role, Gene will focus on developing client and candidate relationships across a variety of areas, including asset-based lending and factoring, commercial and corporate banking, structured and project finance, retail financial services, nonbank lending, and other lending-related specialties. As he is only the firm's second hire in Los Angeles, Gene will continue to enjoy the sort of intra-household commute many people enjoyed throughout 2020 until the actual Los Angeles office is officially established.
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REUNION CLASS I'd like to start this issue of our class notes publicly thanking the Class of 1966! I mistakenly sent my appeal to their class and I received more responses than I regularly receive from you, my fellow classmates! A shout-out to fellow alums and new friends Joan Lardner Paul '66, Andrea Agrell '66, Prudence Frey Heikkinen '66, and Martha Synerholm McSherry '66. It was only when I shared this story that the Class of '96 updates started to stream in. Clearly, you were up to the challenge! Thank you. • Commenting on my exchange with Class of '66 alumni, some of you mentioned that you'd like to hear more and, as **Rachel Shapiro** suggested, "meet these '66ers." That was just one of several calls for a joint activity with their class at our next Reunion! • A few of you also spoke to what you would miss most about not being on campus this summer. **Peter William Dougherty**'s message sums up these comments nicely: "I think what I will miss most about not being on campus is simply the hugs. Middlebury was great for many things—views, smells, books, hikes, discussions, ice cream, mud, and so on—but it was also just an easy place to make good friends, and the pandemic has shown me that it was more physical than I appreciated at the time. Emotional and intellectual connections are critical, certainly, but in retrospect it also feels so obvious that one of the best parts of college at Middlebury was simply to be there with so many good people at once. Even with a very sweet and cuddly family at home, I miss that." Thank you, Peter, for bringing us all back together with these memories! By the way, Peter is launching an independent design and innovation practice called Peter William. Check it out at pwilliam.com. His 15+ years collaborating with top architects, including Pritzker Prize laureates Herzog & de Meuron and SOM, on projects as diverse as Sustainable DC, the Park Avenue Armory, and Amazon HQ2, are on full display on the website. Congratulations, Peter! • **Noël Dora Chilton** checked in from Hawaii, where she lives and works creating and teaching design with environmental themes. Not a bad place to be living during a pandemic! Her illustrations will be published in two books in two countries this year. • **Carl Robinson** is on the way up, reporting that he made the jump to Wells Fargo Private Bank as a senior VP. Unfortunately, it was just before the start of the pandemic, so he had five weeks in the office with his team prior to going remote. Now he spends as much time as possible mountain biking, kayaking, fishing, and skiing with his wife and son. Sounds like tough duty, Carl! More from Carl: "If there is a true light at the end of the tunnel it is that I am back coaching youth lacrosse, and we are looking like we are going to have a full season. I am disappointed to be missing everyone up at the College for our 25th this June but hope to see as many of you as possible between now and our 30th!" • We also heard from **Niamh O'Leary-Liu Blumentals**, who is in the Boston area. Niamh is head of legal, Asia Pacific and Middle East, for a global tech company owned by NEC. She reports that her 8-year-old son is at Fessenden School and 5-year-old son attends a program for kids with autism. "My husband is global head of epidemiology for a big pharma. People now know what an epidemiologist is, so I don't have to explain it anymore. (I hope everyone is making it through the pandemic okay!) Thanks to 2020 we went from zero to three cats, two of which are kittens. It seemed like a good idea at the time." • Thanks to **Anna Dondero** for letting us know that she, along with husband Andrew Pearson and three kids, August (17), Thomas (12), and Rose (10) are all well. She reveals that "many camping adventures, an extra-long summer stint in the Adirondacks, cooking and baking projects, and time spent together" have helped them weather the pandemic. "The first and second draws of the PPP have alleviated concerns about keeping the café open during a pandemic, and we pivoted from catering to a weekday dinner delivery service with an ever-changing international menu. In honor of our Reunion year, we plan to spend a week in Vermont hanging with **Shelley Sayward** and showing these Georgia kids all the great and beautiful things Vermont has to offer." • All-in-all, it sounds like many in our class are thriving in spite of the pandemic and making the most of the opportunity by spending time outside and with family. And, while virtual hugs are not the same, here's to making the most of our virtual Reunion. We've got some great activities planned and it will be a good opportunity to connect, even if from a distance.
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Alexander Lee recently finished a two-year stint as general counsel for Democrats Abroad China and continues to head the Social Studies Department at Zhixin High School's International Division. This top Guangzhou public school turns 100 years old this year. He did four interviews of Boston area kids for the Admissions Office and will be presenting to the College's Tea Appreciation Club! Alex and his partner were recently involved in the opening of a teahouse and restaurant with a Two-Star Michelin chef so if you find yourself in Guangzhou postpandemic, stop by. • **Andrew Smith** and Michole Biancosino '98 are the co-artistic directors of Project Y Theatre Co. and Women in Theatre Festival. They have directed the new digital musical, CLOSE (But Not Too Close!), about a website designed for people who want to meet that special someone but aren't really ready for an in-person relationship.
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We hope everyone has a silver lining to report from this tough year and we want to hear from you! Please share your Midd notes with us! • **Tanner** and **Jordan Lungstrum Blackburn** spent the winter remote schooling and working out of a cabin in Estes Park, Colo., and maxing out their Icon ski passes all over the Rockies. Their kids' love of skiing and ski maps took them to Big Sky, Mont., where they had a FUN reunion with Kate and **Brett Alessi** and Kevan and **Katie Whittlesey Comstock**, who also spent the winter working, remote schooling, and skiing with their kids in Big Sky, Mont. Katie also had a fun run-in with **Melissa Sheehan Reitano** and her family, who are living in the San Francisco area. • **Kelly Johnson** welcomed Henry Grove Rawlings Johnson into the world on September 25, 2020, and was named CEO of advertising firm BBDO San Francisco in April. • **Tyler Nottberg** writes, "Leigh and I have been married for 21 years and live in Kansas City with our daughter, Maggie (17), and son, Andrew (14). I have been chairman and chief optimist at U.S. Engineering Company Holdings for almost 15 years. In addition to traveling with our family every chance we get, we founded and still support a policy advocacy organization called Aligned on the premise that the business community can play a role in increasing college and workforce readiness of all students. It has been an impactful and influential voice in state-level education policy throughout Kansas and Missouri, and hopefully will continue to be so in the future. During the pandemic, we missed being able to see friends and family in person, but we also had 80 family dinners in a row—a record that we likely will never break! We saw many of the most vulnerable members of our community suffering, but we also saw many examples of individuals doing everything they could do to help. A group of us created the C19KC Task Force to purchase and donate 50,000 COVID-19 test kits to Kansas City early last year, as well as over 500,000 pieces of PPE for local frontline workers. That task force evolved into a region-wide effort that became ComebackKC, which continues to work toward helping the community recover. We look forward to being back on campus someday soon and definitely for our 25th Reunion in a couple of years!
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On March 4 a panel of alumni shared their experience and insight on running a business through an unprecedented pandemic and economic downturn. Moderators for

"Pandemic 101 for Businesses" were **Heidi Howard Allen** and Julisa Salas '10; the panel was composed of Natasha Groblewski '09, **Brendan O'Donohoe**, and Rob Tod '91.
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00 Happy spring, friends! It's good to be moving toward the light once again. Despite the darkness of the past year, classmates have been up to good things! **Kate Shick Stone** works as an avian scientist for the MPG Ranch in Florence, Mont. She was named the Biologist of the Year by the Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society. She was nominated by her colleagues for this award, which recognizes Montana wildlife professionals who exemplify remarkable professional contributions to wildlife science and/or conservation. Congratulations, Kate! • Also out West, **Jeff Kendig** is happily living in Los Angeles and is building his successful investment firm Bravos Capital, which is focused on the hemp and cannabis industry. He regularly spends time with classmates **Josh** and **Ryan Conviser Gutierrez** as well as Orin Moore '01. • Closer to our old stomping grounds, **Michaela Betty Kelly** enjoyed another great winter in Wardsboro, Vt., and looks forward to trailblazing with her two horses this spring. Pending COVID vaccines, she can't wait to meet up with **Jim** and **Jessica Howe Thomson**, **Lindsay Simpson**, **Megan Harris Batchelder**, **Kate Stevens Getchell**, **Kaitlin Roan Clark**, and **Hillary Guttman** for a September wedding in New Orleans! • Hoping to catch up with you all in person soon. Until then, keep the updates coming!
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01 **REUNION CLASS** **Daniel Graham** has published a book with Columbia University Press called *An Internet in Your Head: A New Paradigm for How the Brain Works.* His press release reads, "The computational neuroscientist Daniel Graham offers an innovative paradigm for understanding the brain. He argues that the brain is not like a single computer—it is a communication system, like the Internet." Daniel is an associate professor of psychology at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. • **Ryan Palsrok** is currently living in Casablanca, where he's posted as the U.S. Consul to Morocco. When Morocco closed its borders in 2020 due to COVID-19, he led an evacuation of 3,000 Americans out of the country. His assignment lasts until the summer of 2022. • **Eleanor Henderson** will publish a memoir, *Everything I Have Is Yours: A Marriage*, in August. It's about her husband's long chronic illness and includes early years in Middlebury. You can read more about it at eleanor-henderson.com. • **Jason Ienner** has made an investment in the new restaurant Bar Tulia Mercato, which opened April 21 in Naples, Fla. • **Dan Goldman** and wife Morgan welcomed a daughter, Quincy, into their family this past February. Dan has "appreciated" getting unsolicited parenting tips from several fellow Middlebury classmates, including **Doug Parobeck**, **Brad Pryba**, **C. Ryan Miller**, **Ethan Feuer**, **Tom Koelbl**, **Arvind Ponnambalam**, and **Tejas Parikh**. • **Leslie Fox Arnould** was recently promoted to assistant vice president, senior attorney at the TJX Companies, where she has worked for the past seven years. She and **Matt** live in Needham, Mass., with their son Freddy (8) and their twins, Beckett and Beatrice, who just turned one! • **Beth Downing** reports, "We are still living the nomad life for now—we have been living in our RV since August 2020. The American West has been a great classroom, and our seven- and six-year-olds are learning to ski, mountain bike, and paddle, and we are so happy to be exploring."
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02 To start things off, we were SO excited to hear from **Samantha Dabney**. We'll let her words stand on their own: "Enjoying being a mom (Nora, 4.5), landscape designer, and artist in Charlottesville, Va. A severe brain hemorrhage almost did me in three years ago. Against all odds I'm still here, and at this point have had nearly a complete recovery! Midd friends have been supportive in so many ways, including various visits to/from **Molly May** and **Chris Kautz**, **Cally Sprague Knapp**, **Jen Bloomer**, **Morley McBride**, **Hannah Robertson Miller**, **Kate Seely**, **Katie Samson**, **Colin Groth**, and **Josh Howe**. Last summer I happily ran into Casey McCann '01, Ben Sprague '01, and **Cara McKenney** at the beach in Santa Barbara, Calif.! When the time is right, call if you're ever in the area." • **Tripp Donelan** writes in to wish the Class of 2002 a very happy 2021. We can hopefully all look forward to MUCH better things in 2022, including our 20th Reunion! Tripp also writes, "I actually had a run-in recently with Wills '03 and **Anna Conrad Allen** at a small ski hill on the Montana/Idaho border (Lost Trail Ski Area). Other than that, just slinging grape juice." Cheers! • **Stephen Messinger** moved with wife Lauren and their children, Penelope (7) and Lucy (3), to the venerable Nawth Shaw of Bahstan, often called "just outside of Boston" by folks attending Middlebury. He lives in a little blue house in Beverly Farms near the ocean. Mess bikes and mountain bikes and coaches soccer in the local park and in town, and works as an architect, designing everything from high-rise office buildings to college residence halls to an urban farm in the city of Boston. Recently he attended a virtual beer tasting hosted by fellow '02 grad and award-winning beer sommelier **Greg Engert** and had the chance to catch up with classmates **Chip Franklin** and **Morgan Jones** as they tasted four impressive Belgian ales. Cheers! • After her misguided ventures in "indoor only" Taco Bell franchises were impacted by COVID, **Kat Wolf** joined a commune in Maine for J-term 2021, joined by fellow Middleburians **Emily Hatch** and Stella Harman, with Chef Alfonso. • **Morgan**, one of your intrepid class correspondents, continues to be stuck inside gazing at the San Francisco hills from his home office since about early March of 2020 and receives regular visits from the kids upstairs who sometimes go to school up there too (his kids). He jumped from Audible to Amazon Music on the cusp of the pandemic and now helps run the podcasting initiative at Amazon Music. His better half, **Annie Nichols Jones**, launched her own interior design business and has done heroic work as a substitute teacher, designer, and parent this year (shout-out to the Midd '02 parents doing it ALL since last spring!). • Please continue to write in your updates and musings to our alumni inbox: middlebury02@gmail.com. We miss you all—and we can't stress this enough—we will publish pretty much anything you send in.
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SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

As COVID restrictions relax this year, you may have the chance to celebrate mini-reunions or weddings with friends. Be sure to take a photo for *Middlebury Magazine* at a high resolution and send it to Sara Marshall, Alumni Editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu so we can publish it in the magazine!

03 **Naomi Andrews** and Tim Chaten were married on July 28, 2019, in Chittenden, Vt. Midd friends who joined the celebration included **Becca Sendker Selkowe**, **Seth** and **Sonali Desai Zoracki**, **Hamil Pearsall**, **Jesi Warren Kyle**, **Eliza Miller-Ricci Kempton**, **Heather Rankie**, and **Reid Hamel**. • Sullivan & Worcester recently announced the addition of **Jennifer Schultz** as a partner in the real estate group in the law firm's Boston office. With a focus on land use and zoning, she previously worked at Goodwin Procter. • Classmates have been publishing books! **Lindsay Gardner Hine** is the author of *Why We Cook: Women on Food, Identity, and Connection.* She brings together stories, essays, kitchen profiles, interviews, and more, featuring 112 women restaurateurs, food producers, activists, writers, professional chefs, and home cooks—all of whom are dedicated not only to their craft but to the changing world of food. Check it out at whywecookbook.com. • **Lucas Farrell** has published a book of poems called *the blue-collar sun* and it recently won the inaugural Sundog Book Award, a competition judged by Vermont poet laureate Mary Ruefle. The poems concern everything from goats in labor to vanishing Icelandic glaciers to fables about selling bird hearts during the apocalypse.

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He and wife Louisa Conrad '04 own Big Picture Farm in Townshend, Vt., where they manage a herd of 40 goats—which they introduce individually on their website—and have an award-winning confectionery.
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Mike Burke has been living in Los Angeles since 2012, where he did a residency in psychiatry and an addiction fellowship. He works at California Center for Psychedelic Therapy in private practice and does outreach psychiatry part time with the People Concern. He also works as a therapist on a clinical trial of MDMA-assisted therapy for PTSD and has trained to join a psilocybin study for depression. Outside of work, Mike has been enjoying outdoor things and hopes to convince his landlord to let him get a dog.
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After two years in the Pacific Northwest (Washington and Oregon), **Michael Lin** recently moved back to New England, and will be starting a new job in Providence, R.I. Welcome back to our neck of the woods, Mike! • New author in the house! **Hans Manzke** completed writing his new book entitled *For All—Democratizing Big Ideas*. He worked this through a yearlong Georgetown book-writing seminar. He says, "I wrote the book because I want to level the playing field with regard to the big ideas, frameworks, mental models, and insights that make the best leaders and humans so great." The book was published in December 2020. Hans is a principal at the Clearing, a small Washington, D.C., management consulting firm that focuses on partnerships that unlock "real transformation." • **Jeff Stauch** recently joined the Innocence Project as their director of individual giving. He's honored to be joining an organization focused on exonerating the wrongfully convicted and changing the criminal justice system. He's excited to be relocating to New York, once it's safe to do so, and reconnecting with folks up there. Way to go, Jeff! Keep making us proud. • Baby alert! **Devon Parish** and husband Philip Picotte '08 can report at least one good thing that came out of 2020: their daughter Meredith, born in August. She has already enjoyed many a Zoom chat and outdoor meet-up with fellow Middbabes, whose smiles and giggles give us hope for a brighter tomorrow.
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REUNION CLASS Coastal Enterprises, Inc. (CEI) recently announced that **Devin Wardell Cook** had joined its board of directors. CEI helps to grow good jobs, environmentally sustainable enterprises, and shared prosperity in Maine and rural regions across the country. Devin is associate director at the MIT Initiative on the Digital Economy and is cofounder of the Inclusive Innovation Challenge.
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I hope you are all doing well. Please send me your news so I can share it with classmates.
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Neil D'Astolfo recently appeared on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* as the voice of Peter Womack from *Tooning Out the News*. He is a regular on the latter show, which is an animated political satire series produced by Colbert. • On April 22, **Will Drucker** hosted a whiskey tasting and introduction to the world of whiskey and the history of spirits in America. Will is the founder of the craft distillery Split Spirits and you can read all about it at middleburymagazine.com in the Dispatch section. Look for "Whiskey, with a Twist." • Multimedia artist **Himali Singh Soin** is using her art to raise awareness and funds for ecological and community sustainability in the Himalayas, where she grew up in India. Her project, *static range,* is part of an online art series from the Serpentine Galleries and WePresent, which doubles donations to artists' chosen environmental causes. • **Clayton Reed**, who is the program director at CLEAResult, recently did a talk on MIDDVantage called "Exploring Careers in the Green Economy: Changing the Way People Use Energy." MIDDVantage is produced by the Center for Careers and Internships.
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Chris Mutty and wife Peg welcomed their second son, Malcolm Joseph, on March 4. Morgan is enjoying being a big brother. Chris also recently started a new career as a realtor helping people buy and sell in Brookline, Mass. • Also on March 4, **Natasha Groblewski** joined a panel of alumni in talking about her experience and insight on running a business through the pandemic and economic downturn. The panel was moderated by Heidi Howard Allen '99 and Julisa Salas '10 and other panelists were Brendan O'Donohoe '99 and Rob Tod '91. • In April, **Zoë Victor** hosted an online wine tasting of three offerings from her company, Maker, which cans, markets, and distributes small-production, women-owned, and/or naturally produced wines. She and two other women founded Maker, which grew out of the Startup Garage at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.
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Freshman roommates **David Hamberlin** and **Tenzin Sherpa** married Lorena Jiron '09 and Tenzin Keys on the same day, miles apart. On 10.10.2020, David and Lorena were married by **Corey Selover** on Buck Mountain in Waltham, Vt., on the same day Tenzin and Tenzin got married at Pinto Garden in the West Village in Manhattan. While the couples would have invited each other to their weddings in a normal year, the pandemic forced them to make other plans. When David and Tenzin were matched as roommates freshman year (they remained roommates sophomore year and senior year as well), little did they know they'd get married on the same day! Check out the photos on the next page. • **Sparkle Joyner** lives in New York City and is the senior empowerment director at the Thomas S. Murphy Clubhouse of the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club. She runs drug-and-alcohol-prevention programs for youth ages 6–18 and their families. She has been at Madison for almost four years now. (Before this, she was a CPS worker for NYC's Administration of Children's Services for a year and the dean of culture for an after-school program called Citizen Schools for three years right after graduating from Midd.) She is also pursuing her Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling (CASAC) license at the Outreach Training Institute. She got married to her high school sweetheart in October of 2014, and they are looking to start a family soon. She's quite the busy lady! • **Will Hardie (Will James** at Midd) writes, "Since graduation, I've been pursuing a career in GIS and am currently the GIS manager at Camino Natural Resources. I got married in 2016 to Lakotah Doig, my high school sweetheart. We decided to both change our names to my mom's maiden name to keep it alive, so I am now William Hardie. Lakotah is pursuing a career as a doctor, so we moved to Boston this past summer so that she could start her residency in internal medicine at Mass General Hospital." • **Eleanor Johnstone** updates us by sharing, "Since graduating in 2010, I've been exploring the world through journalism, international development, and clean energy technologies, most recently landing in Los Angeles where I support commercial fleets' transitions to nonpetroleum fuels. Although I was not a particularly active member of Midd's outdoors community, hiking and camping in the Rockies and Sierras has become a significant part of my life since 2016. I am seriously stoked to see how the world evolves out of 2020, and to be part of the revolutions that are sure to come this decade." • In March, **Julisa Salas** moderated a panel called "Pandemic 101 for Businesses" with Heidi Howard Allen '99. Various alums discussed their experiences and insight while

running a business during COVID times. Panelists were Natasha Groblewski '09, Brendan O'Donohoe '99, and Rob Tod '91.

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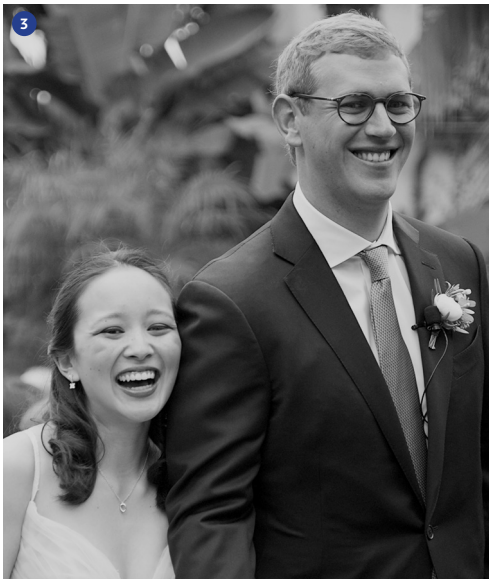
11 REUNION CLASS Hi, everyone! We're glad that we can share some exciting updates from our classmates to help us all stay connected during these difficult times. • **Josh Aichenbaum** writes, "Last summer, I founded Oak Tree Comics, an independent publisher for young readers and young at heart, with an emphasis on socially and environmentally responsible storytelling. My first children's book came out in April. It's called *Do You Speak Tree?* The story follows Oakie the good-natured oak tree on an adventure to find someone who will speak up for the environment." • **Allison Grant** recently joined a women's health start-up called Origin as the head of growth. They focus on physical therapy for women and mothers, specializing in sexual health, pregnancy, postpartum, and menopause. She's excited to help more women heal and get to know their bodies better. • **Brian Watroba** writes, "Outside of my career in advertising product/sales at Facebook, I've been moonlighting to pursue becoming a software engineer, something I've always been interested in and passionate about. I spent my five-year Facebook sabbatical doing an engineering boot camp in Tel Aviv, and since then I've built a number of games and other projects to surprise success—now up to 150K monthly active users across all my apps! It's been super fun. One project—Texts from Yourself—is a text-message-based journal that prompts you to record your feelings and thoughts daily and saves them all privately online for you. You can find all my projects on my site: www.brianwatroba.com." • **Nicholas Spencer** married Kyra Macy on December 13, 2020. Nick writes, "Kyra and I had a very small (COVID-friendly) outdoor ceremony. The judge that Kyra clerked for on the SDNY (Judge Buchwald) officiated." • **Ben Wessel** writes, "After a record youth turnout in the 2020 election, I left my role as executive director of NextGen America, the country's largest young voter mobilization organization. I plan to spend the next few months hiking in California, cooking up a storm, and generally taking it easy after seven years at NextGen. Hit me up if you're in the Bay Area!" • And finally, a quick update from your class correspondents, **Ashley Cheung** and **Carly Lynch**: After 10 fun years in this role, we are stepping down and looking to turn this column over to another classmate or two who will take the lead on collecting notes and updates each quarter. If you're interested in being the 2011 and 2011.5 correspondent, please contact Sara Marshall at smarshal@middlebury.edu. We have so loved staying in touch in this way during our first decade (!) since graduation—cheers to the next decade, and here's hoping we will all be able to get together in person again sometime soon!



1 David Hamberlin '10 and Lorena Jiron '09 were married on Buck Mountain in Waltham, Vt., on October 10, 2020, the same day that Tenzin Sherpa, David's freshman roommate, married Tenzin Keys. 2 Tenzin Sherpa '10 and Tenzin Keys were married at Pinto Garden in the West Village, Manhattan, on October 10, 2020, the same day that David Hamberlin, Tenzin's freshman roommate, married Lorena Jiron '09. 3 On March 1, 2020, Rebecca Wong '15 and Nicholas Orr '15 were married in Santa Barbara, Calif.

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12 Please send us your news! We'd love to hear how you are doing!
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13 A new animated film by **Jon Portman** called *Malady of Mine* has won several awards and screened at festivals in the U.S., Prague, and Montreal. The film, which contains no dialogue, tells the story of a young painter who, burdened by a mysterious affliction, struggles to save his relationship, and ultimately, himself. Jon describes it as a "cautionary tale" riffing on the "myth of the troubled artist."
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14 **Maddie Dai** was recently interviewed by Emma Allen, the *New Yorker*'s cartoon editor, on Zoom and Maddie gave some tips on drawing in a segment called "How to Draw Office Dynamics." Maddie spent several years working as an art director with Purpose but now is a freelance illustrator, designer, cartoonist, and writer, living in London. Check out her work at www.maddie-dai.com.
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15 **Kelsey Domoracki** has joined forces with her father, Gary Domoracki '86, to form their new wealth management practice called the Domoracki Private Client Group at Oppenheimer & Co. in Boston. Their practice helps entrepreneurs, business owners, divorcees, executives of public companies, children of wealthy families who want independent guidance from their own advisor, and family offices preserve and grow their wealth. Kelsey is a chartered retirement planning counselor. Check out a photo on page 65. • Fever Dolls, the indie rock band started by **Renn Mulloy** and **Evan Allis** in 2018 in Burlington, Vt., was recently written up on vox.com in a section called "One Good Thing: Recommendations from the world of culture we think you should check out." The band also includes Erik Benepe '13, Mitchell Parrish '14, and Willis Mathewson.
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16 **REUNION CLASS** **Zach Haggerty** writes, "Given the impact the Middlebury community has had on my life, I was excited to give back when an opportunity presented itself through the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF), an organization based in Vermont that provides literacy programs for children throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. During the pandemic I organized a fundraiser (a 5K run, despite my strong dislike for running) that helped CLiF put on an awesome literacy event for the kids at Mary Hogan Elementary School, in Middlebury. It was incredible to see the benefits from CLiF within the local Middlebury community, and I was also fired up that the generosity of a lot of other fellow Midd alums helped make it all possible!"
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17 I hope my classmates are doing well. If you have news to share, please send it to me.
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18 SheFly Apparel beat out over 100 start-ups to win one of four spots in the Moosejaw Outdoor Acceleration program. The start-up makes outdoor pants designed for women to safely and easily relieve themselves in the outdoors without exposing skin to the elements or other people. Cofounders **Georgia Grace Edwards**, Bianca Gonzalez '17, and **Charlotte Massey** now have the opportunity to attend an eight-week business mentoring program in Colorado, connect with potential investors, and eventually launch their product in Moosejaw stores and online. • Independent musician Rubby Valentin (**Rubby Paulino** at Midd) was recently interviewed by *Metal* magazine about his genre- and gender-bending style and how he's been able to nourish his creativity during the pandemic.
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19 **Paola Meza** is the patient services coordinator at the Open Door Clinic in Middlebury, which is a free clinic that provides health care for uninsured and underinsured adults in Addison County.
—Class Correspondents: Abigail Browngoehl (abrowngoehl@gmail.com); Megan Mahoney (megmahoney19@gmail.com).

20 **Shams Mohajerani** participated in the CLS Arabic virtual program and will spend the next year in Egypt. • **Federico Wettstein Ceretti** is working at the United Nations Human Rights Council Office in D.C., in the UN Refugee Agency. • **Alyssa Brown** is working as a litigation assistant at Natural Defense Council, supporting the work they do to keep people, communities, and our environment safe from pollution. • **Emily Romero Rodriguez** recently started her job as a business immigration analyst at Fragomen in Los Angeles.
—Class Correspondent: Katelan Newman (katelan.newman@gmail.com

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

As COVID restrictions relax this year, you may have the chance to celebrate mini-reunions or weddings with friends. Be sure to take a photo for *Middlebury Magazine* at a high resolution and send it to Sara Marshall, Alumni Editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu so we can publish it in the magazine!

42 **James B. Scholes**, 95, of Geneseo, N.Y., on November 21, 2016. At Middlebury, he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. During WWII, he served as an engineer officer in the Army. With a PhD from the Univ. of North Carolina, he taught at various schools before joining the faculty at SUNY Geneseo, where he spent 25 years teaching English and spent the last six as chair of the department. After retiring in 1984, he enjoyed a second career acting on the regional stages in and around Rochester, N.Y. He is survived by daughter Sandra, three grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

45 **Ann Taggart Haddock**, 96, of Melrose, Mass., on October 24, 2020. A member of Alpha Xi Delta, she worked a year as a test administrator at the Human Engineering Lab in Boston then taught French for five years in the Medford (Mass.) Public Schools. She was an active volunteer in her community and served on the board of the Boston Visiting Nurses Assoc. for over 30 years. Predeceased by husband Lester, she is survived by children John and Elizabeth, and two grandchildren.

Elizabeth Adell McCord, 97, of Indian Shores, Fla., on September 4, 2020. A member of Pi Beta Phi at Middlebury, she entered a career as a property and casualty insurance agent with her husband once her children were in school. She was president of McCord-Petelle Insurance Agency in Belleair Bluffs, Fla., for over 50 years. She also served as the town commissioner of Indian Shores. Predeceased by husband Charles, she is survived by children Susan, James, and Timothy, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Phyllis Reed Mott, 97, of Island Heights, N.J., on November 7, 2020. At Middlebury, she was a member of Kappa Delta. After raising her children, she went to work in the Registrar's Office at Middlesex County College, working as the scheduling officer, writing the master schedule of courses, then as the assistant registrar. In 1977 she earned an MA from Kean College of New Jersey. She was also very involved in pet therapy with her dogs, taking them to comfort patients in nursing homes and hospitals and to the Center for Victims' Families in New York after 9/11. Predeceased by husband Carter '42 and son Stephen, she is survived by children Jeffrey and Deborah, four grandsons, and 17 great-grandchildren.

46 **Mary Stuart Nixon**, 96, formerly of Port Washington, N.Y., on September 29, 2020. She worked as a secretary for the Main Street School principal in Port Washington and then worked in the new business section of Publishers Clearing House for 11 years, retiring in the early 1990s. Predeceased by husband Wilmer, she is survived by children Stuart and Mary Anne '77, and four grandchildren.

Avery Post, 96, of Hanover, N.H., on September 7, 2020. During WWII he served in the Navy as a signalman before being transferred to the V-12 unit at Ohio Wesleyan Univ., where he earned his bachelor's. With a Master of Sacred Theology from Yale Univ., he served as a pastor in churches in Connecticut and New York before being elected minister and president of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ in 1969. In 1977 he was elected president of the United Church of Christ, retiring in 1989. In 1978, Middlebury honored him with a Doctor of Divinity. Predeceased by wife Margaret (Rowland) '45, he is survived by daughters Susan, Jennifer, Elizabeth, and Anne, 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

47 **Betty Virtue Mozes**, 94, of Basking Ridge, N.J., on September 23, 2020. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Middlebury, she raised her family and was an active volunteer in her community. Predeceased by husband Arnold and son Donald, she is survived by son David '74 and two granddaughters, including Suzanne Mozes '05.

Rae Faith Robinson, 95, of White Plains, N.Y., on October 10, 2020. After attending Middlebury, she earned her BA at Barnard College and her MS from Columbia Univ. School of Library Science. From 1950 to 1980 she was a member of the faculty at Hunter College, where she was head cataloger in the Library Dept. She was a member of the American Assoc. of University Professors and a life member of the American Library Assoc. She was listed in the *Who's Who of American Women* and *A Biographical Directory of Librarians in the United States and Canada.* She is survived by cousins James, Frances, Margaret, and Patricia Murray.

48 **Niels H. Fischer**, 93, of Needham, Mass., on October 4, 2020. Arriving on campus as part of the V-12 Navy College Training Program during WWII, he returned to the College from active duty in 1946. A member of Theta Chi, he joined Aetna Life and Casualty in Hartford in 1949 as an actuarial student. He was employed by Aetna for 26 years and eventually led its health insurance division. He later worked at Metropolitan Life and John Hancock before founding Bay State Actuaries. Predeceased by wife Virginia (Byrnes) and son Mark, he is survived by sons Paul '76, Jack, and Jim, and several grandchildren.

Shirley Feyrer Betz Suter, 94, of Sierra Madre, Calif., on October 25, 2020. After college, she worked for the Hoover Report Commission in NYC. Moving to California, she earned a teaching credential at Cal State LA and taught kindergarten at the Monrovia Unified School District at Wild Rose Elementary School. Bridge was her passion, and she attained a silver life master designation. After 61 years together,

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Joye Hummel Murchison '45 . . . . . April 5, 2021
Joan Smith Rovegno '46 . . . . . March 1, 2021
Elaine Pankopf Cummings '48 . . . . . January 10, 2021
Peter J. Cass '49 . . . . . February 11, 2021
Faye George Berube '50 . . . . . April 9, 2021
Sally Stone Edmondson '51 . . . . . February 9, 2021
Ernest Flegenheimer '51 . . . . . February 2, 2021
Anne Monzert Greenleaf '51 . . . . . April 2, 2021
Donald W. Sherburne '51 . . . . . April 21, 2021
Elizabeth Mitchell Fitz '52 . . . . . February 4, 2021
Harriet Nelson Edson '53 . . . . . March 4, 2021
Irene Widen Imbrogno '53 . . . . . March 30, 2021
Pauline Welch Lemmon '53 . . . . . January 26, 2021
Kimber H. Smith '53 . . . . . February 18, 2021
Sylvia Davis Robinson '54 . . . . . February 25, 2021
Aurelie Jones Goodwin '55 . . . . . December 22, 2020
Jeanne Hauselmann Bolvinkel '56 . . . December 20, 2020
Hawley D. Jones '56 . . . . . March 11, 2021
Zane Hickcox Kotker '56 . . . . . February 8, 2021
Ann Boyer '57 . . . . . December 16, 2020
Glen E. Graper '57 . . . . . February 19, 2021
Llewellyn K. Perkins '57 . . . . . April 3, 2021
J. Dean Clewley '58 . . . . . March 2, 2021
William L. Gallagher '58 . . . . . February 22, 2021
Emily Andrews Leeds '58 . . . . . March 2, 2021
Edward C. Sitts '58 . . . . . February 14, 2021
Paul E. Bonner '59 . . . . . April 27, 2021
Burton W. Porter Jr. '59 . . . . . December 29, 2020
Ruth Wininger Reiterman '59 . . . . . February 25, 2021
Cynthia Haver Rigas '59 . . . . . April 4, 2021
Robert A. Leverant '61 . . . . . February 28, 2021
Alice Couperus Gross '62 . . . . . March 9, 2021
Sandra Hazen Bodine '64 . . . . . October 29, 2020
Marilyn J. Madden '65 . . . . . April 15, 2021
F. Merrick Murphy '67 . . . . . December 22, 2020
Judith Vannostrand Sturgis '67. . . . . April 18, 2021
Harriet C. Arnone '69 . . . . . February 9, 2021
Madeline Neilson Rockwell '71 . . . . . March 4, 2021
Judy L. Holland '81 . . . . . April 19, 2021
Claire-Louise Geisler-Wright '88 . . . . . March 16, 2021
Catherine Booras Rubarth '88 . . . . . February 4, 2021
Stephen R. Lauterbach '90 . . . . . March 20, 2021
Andrew Fong '14 . . . . . April 24, 2020

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Mary Virginia DuBose, MA English '00 . . March 24, 2021
Michelle Lapautre, MA French '54 . . . . January 3, 2020
Guy G. Plante, MA French '66 . . . . . April 16, 2021
Roger J. Brunelle, MA French '67 . . . . February 10, 2021
Judith Paul Prasil, MA French '71 . . . . . April 2, 2021
Dona Libengood-Ewell, MA French '77 February 16, 2021
Bruce C. Fryer, MA French '82 . . . . . April 6, 2021
Joan M. Gallagher, MA Spanish '54 . . . February 7, 2021
William Van Swearingen, MA Spanish '54 . . . . . August 2020
Judith A. Hepler, MA Spanish '63 . . . . . April 12, 2021
Helen M. Woods, MA Spanish '72 . . . . February 2, 2021
Robert W. Holderer, MA Spanish '76 . . . February 17, 2021

her first husband passed away and she met her second husband at the bridge table, marrying him at age 89. Predeceased by Arthur Betz and son Robert, she is survived by husband Bill, children Karen, Kristin, Richard, and Kathryn, stepdaughters Nancy, Marsha, and Martha, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include aunt Ethelinda Tucker Merson, Class of 1923, and uncle William Tucker, Class of 1923.

49 **Jean Huntress Foster**, 93, of Middlebury, Vt., on November 22, 2020. After her freshman year, she married George Foster and was a part of a steady growth of the Foster farms, which included milking over 300 cows, converting methane to gas to make electricity, and creating a compost business. She was also an active volunteer in her community. Predeceased by husband George and daughter Barbara, she is survived by children Wayne, Warren, George, and Joanne, 14 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

50 **Herbert Beenhouwer**, 91, of Santa Fe, N.M., on October 28, 2020. Born in Amsterdam, Holland, he escaped the 1940 Nazi invasion with his family and came to the U.S. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After studying for his master's and PhD at Columbia Univ., he was a successful stockbroker and securities analyst for many years, first with Vanden Broeck then Lieber and Co. in Santa Fe. He was an amateur cellist, taught philosophy at Santa Fe High School as a volunteer, and served on numerous boards. He and his first wife were avid collectors of Native American art and donated their entire collection to the Hopi Tribe. Predeceased by first wife Bernice (Kenerson) '50, he is survived by second wife Susan McGreevy, children Evan, Cora, Kyle, and Maud, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Stephanie B. Griffin, 92, of Medford, Mass., on September 8, 2020. With graduate work in elementary education at Keene Teachers College, she taught English at Hampton (N.H.) Junior High School and high school American history and English in Simsbury, Conn. Later she took a job as a cataloger at Brookline (Mass.) Public Library and earned her master's in library science at Simmons College. She then had a long career as a catalog librarian at Bentley College. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Esther Boyce Griffin, Class of 1913.

51 **Edward W. Higgins Jr.**, 94, of Winchester, Mass., on October 31, 2020. During WWII, he served in the Navy aboard the *General R. E. Callan* troop transport ship until 1946. At Middlebury he was a member of Chi Psi. He worked many years as a store engineer for Maintain Store Engineering in Woburn, Mass. After the store was sold in the late 1970s, he worked with a friend who made reproductions of period New England clocks such as Simon Willard banjo clocks and Grafton wall clocks. Predeceased by wife Jean (Maintain) '51, he is survived by daughters Nancy '77, Susan, and Carol, 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include sister Joanne Wolfley '45 (deceased), brother Richard '55, and great-niece Lisa Baumgartner '04.

Barbara Pike Prinn, 90, of Concord, N.H., on October 9, 2020. An Alpha Xi Delta at Middlebury, she and her husband built a large, loving family through adoption, fostering, and birth of their son. While raising the family, she taught elementary school English. She then began a career as a social worker for the state of New Hampshire in the division of youth and family services. Predeceased by husband Ron '52, daughters Carol, Sally, and Betsy, and grandson D.C. Webber, she is survived by children Stephen, Andrew, Margaret, Douglas, Lorrie, Pamela, Paula, Phillip, Paul, 10 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Frank A. Vogt, 93, of Bethel, Maine, on September 19, 2020. After college, he served in the Navy at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. He taught English at Bridgton and Worcester Academies for several years before settling into a long and notable career at Gould Academy in Bethel, where he taught English, directed theatrical productions, and coached several championship cross-country teams. He was later inducted into Gould's Athletic Hall of Fame. Predeceased by wife Janie (Shepard) and great-granddaughter Ada Brostek, he is survived by children Dan, Cayte, Susan, Amy, and Laurie, 15 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

John R. Whitton Jr., 91, of Vero Beach, Fla., on October 12, 2020. He played minor league baseball, pitching for the New York Giants organization then served in the Air Force, stationed in the Philippines. Later he began a career on Wall Street, where he worked as a trader on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange for 33 years, first as a partner at White Weld, then as VP at Merrill Lynch. He retired in 1993. An accomplished athlete, he was inaugurated into the Mamaroneck (N.Y.) High School Sports Hall of Fame. He is survived by wife Barbara (Boice), children John III '78 and wife Linda (Foster) '80, Susan '79 and husband Andrew Goodenough '77, and Louise '88 and husband Clifton York, nine grandchildren, including Lindsey Christ '05, Kyle Schumacher '10, and Barbara

Tufo '13, and seven great-grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include nephew James Whitton '80.

52 **Joyce Greene Wilson**, 90, of Salem, Ore., on July 23, 2020. A Kappa Delta at Middlebury, she earned her master's in French through Middlebury after being awarded a Fulbright to study in Paris. She had a long career in education beginning in Connecticut, where she taught French in Fairfield and Glastonbury and developed curricula under the National Defense Education Act. Moving west, she taught English as a second language and was the refugee program coordinator at Chemeketa Community College in Salem for 10 years. That position led to a position as the director of instruction for a U.S. State Dept.-funded program at the Philippine Refugee Processing Center in Morong, Philippines from 1986 to 1990. Returning to Salem, she worked for Linfield College as an academic advisor for the Adult Degree Program, retiring in 2000. She and husband Donald had three daughters, Elizabeth, Carolyn, and Julie.

53 **Alton H. Bassett**, 89, of Princeton, N.J., on November 16, 2020. A Theta Chi at Middlebury, he served two years in the Marine Corps, ending at the Marine Corps Institute in Washington, D.C., teaching math. After working at American Viscose Corp. in Virginia, he joined the Chicopee Manufacturing Co., the textile affiliate of Johnson & Johnson, where he spent the rest of his career. Serving as a research director, he developed nonwoven fabrics for surgical and medical supplies and recorded three patents. After retiring in 1988, he continued as a consultant for five more years. He is survived by wife Joan (Tolley) '55, daughters Linda and Bobbie, and two grandchildren.

David H. Clemens, 88, of Hallstead, Pa., on September 19, 2020. A member of Alpha Tau Omega, he earned his PhD in organic chemistry at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison. He then joined Rohm and Haas in Philadelphia, where he worked as an organic chemist until his retirement in 1990. In 1968, he and his wife purchased a large tract of land in northeast Pennsylvania, where they were careful stewards of their forests and recognized as Tree Farmer of the Year for the U.S. Northeast in 2005. Predeceased by wife Carol (Jennings) '53, he is survived by daughters Sarah, Paula, and Karen '83, and six grandchildren, including Melanie Dennis Fraser '14. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Nancy Clemens Maneh '56.

Celia Bolte Griese, 89, of Cornville, Maine, on September 6, 2020. She attended Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School and worked in Princeton for Vladimir Zworykin at Radio Corp. of America and in the research laboratories. After raising her children, she and her husband moved to Stonington, Conn., and purchased and ran a Quimper Faience Pottery retail store. Predeceased by husband Jack '53 and daughter Melissa, she is survived by children John and Nicole, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Anne Coleman Zehner, 88, of Chevy Chase, Md., on October 11, 2020. A Pi Beta Phi at Middlebury, she was an active volunteer while raising four sons. She then started a career at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, working as an assistant in the vice principal's office. Predeceased by husband Harry and son Matthew, she is survived by sons Andrew '84, David, and John '87, and nine grandchildren.

54 **Carey T. Smith**, 88, of Tallahassee, Fla., on September 26, 2020. During the Korean War, he served with the 1st Calvary Division of the Army. At Middlebury, he was in Phi Kappa Tau and captained the football team. With a master's in school administration, he spent 30 years working in public education as a teacher, assistant principal, high school principal, and assistant superintendent of schools with the Sewanhaka Central High School District in Elmont, N.Y. Predeceased by wife Fanne, he is survived by children Bradley, Ellen, Nathan, Jennifer, and Meg, and six grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother David '64.

55 **Katherine Hughes von Hartz**, 86, of New York, N.Y., on October 2, 2020. After college she taught for two years and did secretarial work then hitchhiked around Europe and later in Africa and Israel. She then taught part time, and with fluency in Spanish and speaking four other languages, especially enjoyed teaching English as a second language. She and her husband traveled widely. She is survived by husband John '55, children Maria and William, and two grandchildren.

56 **Susan Mansfield Anthony**, 83, of San Diego, Calif., on September 29, 2018. A member of Theta Chi Omega, she taught French and Spanish in the first through third grades in Hicksville, N.Y. While raising her family, she assisted as business manager, bill collector, and appointment secretary in her husband's dental practice. Moving to San Diego, she found enjoyment in tutoring English to foreign scholars and spouses at the International Center at the Univ. of California, San Diego. Predeceased by first husband Larry Dietter '55 and second husband Hank Anthony, she is survived by children Laurie, Brandon, Mark, and Susie, stepdaughters Lisa and Debbie, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Nancy Warner Benz, 86, of Lincoln, Vt., on November 17, 2020. A member of Sigma Kappa at Middlebury, she earned her EdM from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1958 and taught elementary school in the Boston area for several years. While raising her children, she held many volunteer leadership roles in school, scouting, community, and church-related endeavors, including serving a long stint as the Sunday School superintendent. She also served as board chairperson of Community Human Services, an agency focusing on the needs of children and families. She is survived by husband Mark '56, children Jayne '83, Matthew '86, Eric '88, and Martha '90, and 11 grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include uncle and aunt William '34 and Jeanette Stone Matteson '34 (both deceased) and sister Margery Warner Christie '61.

57 **Marshall J. Armstrong Jr.**, 85, of Meredith, N.H., on September 16, 2020. A Sigma Phi Epsilon at Middlebury, he earned a BS in mechanical engineering at the Univ. of Vermont. He served two active-duty terms in the Army, working as an engineer for ERDL at Fort Belvoir in Virginia and as a company commander at Fort Bragg. With a master's in engineering management from George Washington Univ., he worked for over 30 years with Thermo Electron in Waltham, Mass., as an engineer and an executive. He is survived by wife Patricia (Ellis), children Susan, David, and Steven, six grandchildren, and sister Phyllis Armstrong '55. Deceased Middlebury relatives include aunts Marie Kilbride Doran, Class of 1921, Helen Kilbride Wisell, Class of 1922, and Anne Kilbride Long '38, and uncle Lawrence Kilbride, Class of 1925.

Anne "Lee" Johnson Howell, 85, of Orleans, Mass., on October 18, 2020. A Pi Beta Phi at Middlebury, she worked for three years at Arthur D. Little, supporting several cancer research projects. After raising her children, she obtained her real estate license in 1975. She worked three years at Needham Realty then joined Mitchell Real Estate in Medfield, Mass., where she worked 21 years. She is survived by husband Peter '57, children Julie '82, Stephen, Lawrence, and Daniel, and six grandchildren.

58 **Janet von Wettberg Cowles**, 84, of Bloomfield, Conn., on September 25, 2020. A member of Pi Beta Phi at Middlebury, she earned her master's in teaching from Harvard Graduate School of Education and taught high school history for several years in California and Connecticut. She then began a 24-year career as a high school guidance counselor at Northwest Regional School #7. She also taught Sunday School for over 50 years and tutored English as a second language. Predeceased by husband Ted '58, she is survived by children Laura, Adine, and Rick, and five grandchildren.

59 **Constance Crabbe Dehlendorf**, 82, of Columbus, Ohio, on October 7, 2020. She was the co-owner of the business Cookies from Mom and an active volunteer in the Columbus area as a member of the Junior League, Twig 61 and 88 of Nationwide

Children's Hospital, the Childhood League, and the Women's Board of the Columbus Museum of Art. Predeceased by husband Michael '58, she is survived by children Laura, Michael '85, and Matthew, and four grandsons.

60 **John H. Berg**, 84, of Worcester, Mass., on November 3, 2020. A Phi Kappa Tau, he left Middlebury after two years to attend Clark Univ. He joined the family business, Stone and Berg Lumber Co., in 1962 and added a hardware division that included locksmith services, which he provided. He also started a distribution arm, supplying goods and services to locksmiths. Civic-minded, he served as the town moderator for West Boylston, Mass., for 20 years. He was also a performer, playing several instruments, particularly the tenor banjo. Predeceased by wife Donna (Quist), he is survived by children Peter, Laura, and Melissa, 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include great-nephew Henry Bell '14.

Pieter J. Schiller, 82, of North Chatham, Mass., on September 7, 2020. With an MBA, he held a number of positions at Allied Signal, from 1961 to 1986. From 1987 to 2006, he served as a general partner at Advanced Technology Ventures, an early-stage technology-focused venture capital firm, where he focused on investing in the healthcare sector. He was very involved in supporting activities in the nonprofit sector and was a loyal alumnus who served the College in many ways. In 2000, the College honored him with the Alumni Plaque. He is survived by wife Betty, daughters Katie '89 and Suzanne, and four grandchildren.

Thayer Talcott Jr., 82, of Morristown, N.J., on September 15, 2020. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi, he received his master's from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers Univ. and afterwards taught at the school. His long career in banking began in 1962 when he joined the First National State Bank. He rose to become a senior executive at the First Fidelity Bancorporation then became president and chief executive officer of First Morris Bank and served on the board of directors. He also spent 50 years as a director of Borden Mining Co. He was an ardent conservationist, helping to found and support environmental organizations. He is survived by wife Ann (Ward). Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother Preston '63.

Jane Willey Whiteside, 82, of Columbia, S.C., on October 7, 2020. At Middlebury, she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. After college, she taught elementary school. While raising her children in Tennessee, she served as president of the Junior League and on the board of the medical auxiliary and was part owner of a balloon boutique. Moving to South Carolina, she opened her own business, Just the Thing. She is survived by husband Richard, children Scot, Drew, and Wendy, and seven grandchildren.

61 **Robert M. Fryberger Jr.**, 83, of Duluth, Minn., on September 13, 2020. A member of Delta Upsilon and the hockey team, he served in the Army for two years, mainly in Korea. He returned to Duluth to join in the new start-up wood products business, manufacturing hardboard for the industrial markets. He worked in the career 35 years, first with Superior Fiber and retiring from Superwood as a sales manager. He is survived by wife Angelica (Goldschmidt) '65, children Kristina, Tiegen '93, and Melissa '95, and eight grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include brothers Jerry '61 and Dates '63, nephews Jerry '88 and Dates '97, and nieces Holly '91 and Sarah '93.

62 **Josephine Rhodes Bahn**, 80, of Jacksonville, Fla., on November 2, 2020. A member of Alpha Xi Delta, she taught third grade for two years after college. While raising her children, she volunteered as a reading tutor in a local elementary school. Despite being legally blind since birth, her lifelong love of learning took her along many diverse paths. With her passion for teaching, she also taught yoga, yoga meditation, and massage therapy. She was well regarded for her skill as a neuromuscular therapist. Predeceased by husband David '62, she is survived by daughters Betsy and Katie, and three grandchildren.

Alice Derby Beal, 79, of Scituate, Mass., on September 19, 2020. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she worked for a year in publishing, then five years on a research project at Harvard Medical School after college. After raising her daughter, she became a librarian at Scituate Town Library. She was a longtime member of Scituate Harbor Yacht Club and was a passionate horsewoman. She is survived by husband Jim, daughter Deb, and one granddaughter.

Martin A. Brown III, 80, of Hampton, Va., on September 24, 2020. A member of Alpha Tau Omega, he served in the Army for over 25 years with several tours in Vietnam and Korea prior to retiring as a lieutenant colonel stationed at Fort Monroe. With a master's from Central Michigan Univ., he taught at Hampton University and Saint Leo College. He is survived by wife Liu Liqun, children Martin, Michael, and Amanda, first wife Susan Jackson-Hewitt, and second wife Valda Wisdom. Middlebury relatives include uncle and aunt Leonard '41 and Jeanette Zeluff Brown '40 (both deceased), and sister Gretchen Brown Anderson '67.

Gilbert O. Stanley, 80, of Sarasota, Fla., on October 27, 2020. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he served in the armed services in the Marines. With a master's in history from Dartmouth College, he worked in private education for over 45 years, with 32 of those years at St. Mark's School in Southborough, Mass., where he taught history, coached varsity sports, and was chair of the History Dept. for 16 years. In 1996, he was the recipient of the Martin Fenton Chair for the Humanities. He is survived by wife Sharon, children Alexandra and John, and six granddaughters.

64 **Sandra Hazen Bodine**, 78, of Summerville, S.C., on October 29, 2020. A Delta Delta Delta at Middlebury, she worked for four years as an economist with the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. After raising her children, she was a trust representative at Fleet Norstar before joining United Carolina Bank in the Trust Dept. and becoming a trust officer in 1994 and vice president in 1996. With certifications from Southeastern Trust School and Campbell Univ., she joined Branch Bank and Trust, serving as assistant vice president. She and husband Charles had two children, Charles and Nicole.

65 **George S. Birdsong Jr.**, 76, of Newport Beach, Calif., on November 20, 2020. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he served in the Army for two years after college. He began his career on Wall Street but found that his true love was in the sporting goods industry. He embarked on this career with Head Ski Co., but soon joined New Balance Athletic Shoes. After five years, he then established Sports Sales West in Newport Beach. He and first wife Jacqueline had two sons, Philip and Timothy.

Sue Scammell Carpenter, 76, of West Hartford, Conn., on October 10, 2020. After college she began a career as a computer programmer/analyst with Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. She then earned her MSW at Smith College in 1989 and established a private therapy practice in the Hartford area, retiring in 2005. She is survived by children Scott and Peter '93, three grandchildren, and former husband John '63. Deceased Middlebury relatives include grandfather Charles Jones, Class of 1915, and uncle Charles Jones '43.

Wayne J. Marion, 78, of Cortez, Colo., on October 4, 2020. After earning an accounting degree at Chico State College in California, he worked at various jobs over the years, including at Crescent Moon Ranch at Red Rock Crossing in Sedona, Ariz., at small airports in Florida, Texas, and Arizona, and at Zee Medical Supply, then he taught accounting and business at DeVry Institute of Technology. After earning a master's as a certified management accountant at DeVry, he continued working and teaching in the field. He is survived by life partner/wife Chris.

Galen R. South, 77, of Mount Prospect, Ill., on November 19, 2020. A member of Zeta Psi, he earned

his law degree from the Univ. of Chicago Law School in 1968. He joined Combined Insurance Company of America as counsel in 1971, working there for many years. He is survived by wife Alice (DeGroote) and son Jason. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Gertrude Hitt South '27.

66 **Robert L. Nields Jr.**, 76, of Landeberg, Pa., on November 22, 2020. A Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he received his silver wings of an Army aviator in 1969 after completing the helicopter pilot course at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. He served in Vietnam with the First Air Cavalry Mobile C Troop 1/9 and was stationed in Phoc Vin flying an AH1-G helicopter his entire tour. He then had his own construction company, building passive solar houses in New Mexico before moving the company to New Hampshire.

67 **Erik W. Borg**, 74, of Ellesmere Port, England, on November 12, 2020. After earning a master's in English literature from the Univ. of Chicago, he served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He then began a career as a freelance photographer, both in the Middlebury area and internationally, resulting in photos from Lapland for *National Geographic*. His career path changed in 1996 when he spent a year teaching English in China. He returned to school at the Univ. of Leeds in England to earn a master's in teaching English as a second language and a PhD in academic writing. He then taught at Northumbria Univ. and Coventry Univ. in England. He is survived by wife Michaela (Cousins), daughter Kelley, and two granddaughters.

Diane Kaski DeMent, 75, of Boxborough, Mass., on October 7, 2020. A Kappa Kappa Gamma at Middlebury, she began a graduate degree in cultural anthropology at the Univ. of Pennsylvania after college. Moving to Boston, she worked at Wheelock College in admissions and financial aid administration. She later worked for the College Entrance Examination Board in New England training financial aid officers, then took a job with the Massachusetts Higher Education Assistance Corp. training bank officers in student loan administration. She is survived by husband Ralph, children Michelle and James, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Thomas F. Patterson Jr., 75, of Burlington, Vt., on October 8, 2020. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi at Middlebury, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army in the transportation corps in Newport News, Va., and in the DMZ in Korea, where he was the transportation officer for all of second division at the time of the Pueblo Incident. He had a 40-year career at the Univ. of Vermont, including working for the Extension Service, heading up the Extension Energy Service; serving as chair of the VOTEC Dept.; serving as the dean of summer programs for precollege students; teaching communications courses; being head of the first-year student program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS); being chair of the Essential Learning Outcomes Committee for CALS; and teaching in the Master of Public Administration program. While working at UVM, he earned a master's in extension education from UVM in 1978, a Certificate in Advanced Studies: Planning and Administration from UVM in 1981, and a PhD at Indiana Univ. in adult education and public administration. He is survived by wife Susan (Davis) '67, and children Erin and Ryan.

68 **Ruth Benziger Cahill**, 73, of St. Augustine, Fla., on April 17, 2020. After spending two years in the Peace Corps in India, she moved to Vermont and worked for the Counseling Service of Addison County and graduated from UVM with an MEd in rehab counseling. With more schooling, this time in accounting, she began her own financial accounting business, Phillips Consulting. Moving to California, she worked for many years for the Nature Conservancy. Husband John Cahill survived her but died on April 4, 2021. She is survived by children Sarah and David, stepchildren Chloe and Jonathan, and six grandchildren.

Gerry E. Goodrich, 75, of New York, N.Y., on October 26, 2020. After college, he spent two years in the Peace Corps in Kenya before receiving his law degree from Boston Univ. in 1974. After spending four years in Senegal and Mali, where he worked with the Mali Rural Health Care Project, he earned his MPH at Harvard School of Public Health and began a long career in health management in NYC, holding a number of executive positions, retiring in 2016 from Weill Cornell Medical College. He is survived by wife Susan Caughman '68 and daughters Hope and Charlotte. Middlebury relatives include nephew Peter Bessey '83.

Janet Harris Warren, 74, of Cornwall, Vt., on November 13, 2020. She had a long tenure working at the Vermont Book Shop in Middlebury under Dike Blair and Laura Scott. She was a creative cook, an accomplished artist, and a committed partisan of nature and the environment. She is survived by husband William '68.

69 **David H. Phillips**, 75, of Ashburn, Va., on November 20, 2020. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi, he took courses in business administration at Rochester Institute of Technology. He had a long career with Mobil Oil Corp. in marketing. He is survived by wife Linda (Stryker), children Matthew and Katherine, and two grandchildren.

Andrew W. Streit, 72, of Miami, Fla., on August 10, 2020. Graduating Phi Beta Kappa, he received a Fulbright and studied at the Univ. of Mainz, Germany, where he earned his MA in German from Middlebury. He served in the Army then worked on his medical degree at SUNY of Buffalo School of Medicine. He eventually worked in education in the Miami Public Schools. Middlebury relatives include brother Daniel '71.

71 **Larry T. Dixon**, 72, of Port Hardy, British Columbia, Canada, on September 10, 2020. He worked in different careers, retiring as an employment counselor in Alberta, Canada. He is survived by ex-wives Ivy and Sharon, and children Josh, Gabe, Marlee, and Paul.

72 **Michael W. Spire**, 64, of Queensbury, N.Y., on April 17, 2015. With a master's in social work from the Univ. of Maryland, he spent the majority of his professional career in the Baltimore metropolitan area as a social worker in the fields of addictions, mental health, and domestic violence, devoting his work to nonprofit organizations. He is survived by wife Holly and children Madeleine and Lucas.

74 **Glenn "Gondo" A. Dallaire**, 68, of Falls Church, Va., on October 3, 2020. After earning an MA in English from Drew Univ. in 1975, he moved to the Washington, D.C., area and had a long and varied career working over the years for the Bureau of Economic Analysis as an analyst, for the Veterans Administration as a computer specialist, for the U.S. Senate as a research specialist, for the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. He is survived by brothers Terry, Reginald, and Lance, and their families.

85 **Paul S. Jensen**, 57, of Nantucket, Mass., on November 11, 2020. At Middlebury, he was a member of Sigma Epsilon, was on the swim team, played rugby, and served on the ski patrol. With a law degree from Boston Univ. School of Law, he practiced as an attorney in Boston and Nantucket. A firm believer in protecting the environment, he started Nantucket Solar Solutions and installed solar hot water systems to make his community more sustainable. He is survived by wife Cecil (Barron) '85, and daughters Claire '13.5, Carlisle, and Grace. Middlebury relatives include sisters-in-law Claire Barron '87 and Lorna MacDougall Denham '87, and niece Jodie Barron-Sluga '24.5.

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Harriett Stine Craven, 96, of Middlebury, Vt., on March 16, 2021. With a degree in English from Ohio University, she worked at the medical school library at Syracuse Univ. and at the Public Health Service in Washington, D.C. Moving to Middlebury when husband Jack took a job at the College, she worked as a secretary in the Department of Art from 1963 to 1966

and in the Chinese and Japanese Schools year-round as the academic coordinator from 1971 to 1976. She later worked in the office of the Congregational Church and was an active volunteer in the community. Predeceased by husband Jack, professor emeritus of economics, she is survived by daughters Marianne and Carolyn Craven, Middlebury associate professor of economics, son-in-law Peter Matthews, Charles A. Dana Professor of Economics at Middlebury, and grandchildren Catriona and Emma Craven-Matthews.

Vernon N. Riley, 74, of East Middlebury, Vt., on March 12, 2021. After graduating from Middlebury Union High School in 1964, he joined the Navy, attended Naval School Training, and served as a photographic interpreter of aerial photography aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Constellation CVA-64* during the Vietnam War. He was employed at the Kraft cheese factory in Middlebury for 17 years before joining the staff at the College, where he worked 15 years as the night watchman and six years as the goal judge at all the home hockey games. He retired in 2010. He and wife Yvonne Mary (Quesnel) were married for 38 years.

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Edgard Coly, 64, of Bellingham, Wash., on March 19, 2021. As a student studying literature at university in his native Senegal in the 1980s, he discovered his passion for teaching and mentoring. Understanding the almost insurmountable hurdles economically disadvantaged students faced to qualify for college, Coly and a few friends offered free lessons for community members in the suburbs of Dakar. Parents soon enrolled their children for classes in large numbers and he described "providing students with the tools to read the outside world more accurately" as his reward and inspiration. He joined the faculty at the Middlebury Institute in Monterey, Calif., in 2001 and taught French language courses on African issues, with an emphasis on democracy, peacebuilding, international migration, environment, security, and public health. He retired in 2020 and was granted professor emeritus status by his faculty peers. He is survived by wife Shirley and children Fabrice, Cedric, and Eloise.

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49 **Nona Rust Peebles**, 96, MA German, of St. Petersburg, Fla., on October 27, 2020. After WWII, she spent time in Finland as a member of a Quaker Work Camp, helping to rebuild war-torn Europe. She taught German at Tulane University.

51 **Sybille Gerstenberg Ehrlich**, 94, MA French, of Cockeysville, Md., on October 28, 2020. Born in Neusalz, Germany, she fled with her family to the U.S. in 1937. She was an assistant professor in the Foreign Language Dept. at Goucher College, teaching French and German from 1963 to 1985.

55 **Caroline Freeman Jacobson**, 91, MA French, of Hanover, N.H., on September 29, 2020. After teaching French in private schools in Connecticut and Massachusetts and English at the Lycée de Bordeaux in France, she earned a master's in library science at Simmons College and worked in the library at the Harvard Business School. She was the daughter of Stephen Freeman, who was a professor of French at Middlebury for 38 years, director of the Language Schools for 24 years, and served as vice president of the College for 20 years.

57 **Rocco R. Petrillo**, 88, MA Spanish, of Peabody, Mass., on October 2, 2020. He taught Italian, Spanish, and Latin in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Havana, Cuba, before joining the faculty at Newton (Mass.) South High School, where he spent most of his career.

59 **Victoire Toof Johnson**, 88, MA French, of Great Falls, Mont., on October 9, 2020. After earning her master's at the Sorbonne, she worked at the Citroën Automobile Co. in France as an interpreter and translator, and as an English instructor for the employees. Moving to Great Falls, she spent 37 years teaching high school French in the Great Falls School District.

Michelina Rizzo, 93, MA Italian, of Providence, R.I., on October 19, 2020. She began her teaching career in Providence in 1949 and taught at various schools in the city throughout the years, retiring from Classical High School.

61 **Neal Creighton**, 90, MA Spanish, of Lexington, Mass., on September 15, 2020. He spent 31 years in the Army, rising to the rank of major general. He was president and CEO of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation in Chicago from 1986 to 1999 then served as the president of Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

64 **Edwin J. Hamblet**, 83, MA French, of Plattsburgh, N.Y., on September 13, 2020. After college, he joined the Army and served as a translator during his active duty from 1959 to 1963, attaining the rank of captain. He taught French at Emory Univ., McGill Univ., and SUNY Plattsburgh, where he was coordinator of the French program.

66 **Frederick Fischer**, 90, MA German, of Albuquerque, N.M., on August 29, 2020. Born in the U.S., he spent his youth in Germany. He worked as a German teacher for Alton (Ill.) Community School District, serving in various positions from 1953 to 1994. He spent a year as a Fulbright exchange teacher in Herford, Germany.

Vivien Despotopulos Forbes, 78, MA French, of Salem, Mass., on October 28, 2020. An educator and linguistics professional, she taught French and Spanish at Salem High School for many years. She also spoke highly proficient Greek.

68 **Rosemarie A. Benya**, 78, MA Spanish, of Brecksville, Ohio, on September 27, 2020. She was a professor and department chair of the Foreign Languages Dept. at East Central Univ. in Ada, Okla., for more than 30 years. She was also a Fulbright Scholar in Czechoslovakia for two years during the Velvet Revolution.

Gordon E. Smith, 92, MA Russian, of Campbellsville, Ky., on September 20, 2020. He served in the Canadian Army from 1951 to 1960 and was a member of the United Nations Emergency Forces in the Middle East. From 1961 to 1986, he was a teacher of English and Russian in the public schools of Toronto, Canada. He also translated novels from Russian into English.

71 **Zovinar Najarian Lair**, 87, MA Spanish, of Canton, Ohio, on August 30, 2020. She retired from Malone Univ. after 30 years as a professor of Spanish and media.

74 **Rubye R. Teague**, 92, MA Spanish, of Greenville, S.C., on August 30, 2020. After college, she lived in Peru and taught English at the American School of Lima and English literature to Peruvian teachers of English at the American Peruvian Institute. She then taught all levels in public schools in Maryland, retiring in 1991.

75 **James M. Karepin**, 68, MA French, of Pueblo, Colo., on October 18, 2020. He entered the Central Province of the Dominican Order in 1984 and was ordained into the priesthood in 1990. He taught French and theology at several high schools and served many parishes in various capacities.

76 **Richard S. Ladd**, 68, MA French, of Lynn, Mass., on August 29, 2020. He taught French for many years, most recently at Ipswich (Mass.) High School. In 1994, he received the Advanced Placement Teacher Recognition Award for French.

05 **Carrie L. O'Connor**, 38, MA French, of Boston, Mass., on September 14, 2020. With a PhD in French studies from Louisiana State University, she was a lecturer in French at Boston University.

14 **Crystal Ergish-Wood**, 52, MA English, of Thoreau, N.M., on September 23, 2020. A dedicated educator, she taught many years at Thoreau High School.